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KILLED IN AUTO CRASH

MISS HETTY BALHOFF MEETS
TERRIBLE DEATH IN SAGINAW, WAS CITY NURSE

Miss Hetty Balhoff, daughter of Mrs. Rose Balhoff, former Grayling residents met a tragic death in Saginaw at 10:15 o'clock Friday morning in a traffic accident.

The accident happened at Walnut and Twelfth streets. George Gerschbacher, 18 years old, of that city driving a Hudson sedan hit Miss Balhoff's Ford sedan broadside turning it completely around and throwing it against a 35-foot pole. The pole was snapped off and the impact threw Miss Balhoff through a side window of her car, killing her instantly. Gerschbacher is being held pending an examination.

Miss Balhoff was born in Grayling February 14, 1892 and attended our schools upon the completion of which she entered Mercy Hospital, Bay City, where she received her training as a nurse. After graduation she engaged in her profession in Bay City and Cass City, later going to Saginaw, where she served first at the city clinic conducted under the Saginaw city welfare department. After the city administration expanded their public health activities, Miss Balhoff was engaged for clinic and contagious disease work, making in all ten years service in the health department in Saginaw, or since its establishment. Miss Balhoff was popular with the workers in her department and because having a wide circle of friends in Grayling she also had many in Bay City and Saginaw. Her untimely demise has brought much sadness to the remaining members of her family and to many close friends.

Surviving besides her mother, is one brother Roy Balhoff, Saginaw and a sister, Mrs. P. P. Mahoney, Bay City. The remains were taken to the home of the deceased's sister in Bay City where the funeral was held Monday with services at St. Mary's church, and was attended by a large congregation of friends from both Saginaw and Bay City. The pall bearers were six gentlemen, with six nurses, close friends of Miss Balhoff acting as honorary pall bearers. The choir of the church beautifully rendered the funeral hymns, while the pastor delivered a very impressive sermon, paying a beautiful tribute to the deceased. The large profusion of beautiful flowers bore silent testimony of the high esteem in which the young woman was held.

Mrs. Balhoff and other members of the family have the sincere sympathy of many Grayling friends in their bereavement. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McClain of this city were in attendance at the funeral.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
Service at 10 o'clock A. M.
Each Sunday Legion Hall
Everyone cordially invited
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 O'CLOCK
All children welcome.

WORK ON SLIDE GOING NICELY

TO BE BETTER THAN EVER.
NEED SNOW AND COLD

Work on the toboggan slide is going on nicely. Large crews of volunteer workers have been busy clearing and smoothing the way. A number of trees and stumps had to be cleared away in order to make the path free from dangers and hindrances.

The crews are now busy constructing the "take-off" which will be about seven feet high, giving a sharp send-off to the toboggans. This will be high enough to provide a shelter beneath, large enough to protect many people, and if the plans of the committee work out there will be a store there to keep it warm on extremely cold occasions.

The take-off will be on a high elevation on the west side of the highway and will cross M-93 and pass before the Collen pavilion and on onto Lake Margrethe. The course will be shorter than those of former years at the Military reservation but those who have tried both places claim that this one will be far more enjoyable and more thrilling. It will have all the attractions of the other course with exception of the looks, and will have the advantage of a number of dips, rises and curves and, what many claim as most important, the walk back will be shorter by nearly a half. That will mean more slides and less fatigue.

Another convenience that will be appreciated by the patrons of the slide will be that Collen's Inn will be open where those who wish to do so may go and rest and get warm; and also obtain refreshments and food. The fact that this slide is about a mile and a half closer to town will also be an advantage.

Also the cost of construction will be less than it would be at the reservation. The distance is about a third shorter. Also the ice slides are more or less protected from the warm afternoon sun's rays, a thing that used to work havoc with the slides last winter. The long open hillside at the reservation got such a sweep of the winds that much of the time the snow blew away and the grounds were bare. This necessitated extra work on the slides and besides shortened the seasons considerably. It is believed a big advantage against the destructive elements of the sun, wind and drifting of the snow will be had. Water pipes will be run to the hill from which point the slides may be flooded on cold nights. This will save the labor of hauling water from the lake by team.

With the right kind of weather there is no doubt but that the slides will be in operation during the holiday season. And also there will be ice skating on the lake just as soon as the ice is safe.

The election has had one marked effect already. It has brought jazz back to the radio.



CHRISTMAS—

*The Season of Good Will
and Hospitality*

Christmas is with us again. And as it spreads abroad throughout this community its joyous tidings of good will to all, let us join wholeheartedly in its spirit.

Let each stranger who enters our gates know that in this community the goodwill spirit of Christmas is not just a passing impulse effective during the holidays, but it is a day by day fact throughout the entire year.

We can do our share toward making this Christmas good feeling a year 'round event, by showing Christmas charity and fellowship to those with whom we come in contact each day.

We can make this community renowned for its hospitality—and our reward will come to us here on earth, for it will make the entire community more prosperous and happy.

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CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY FUND 1927-1928

Last year a total of \$227.50 was collected and expended. Of this total \$87.50 was spent directly on Christmas tree but balance of \$140 was expended through the agency of the Charity Committee of the Goodfellowship Club in meeting several needy situations that faced some of the people in town at later periods. In this way the Spirit of Christmas was made more purposeful and less spasmodic and ineffective so that much permanent good was accomplished.

A very illuminating and satisfactory statement of the expenditure of this \$140 has been handed to me as Acting Treasurer of this fund, and can be seen at any time. From a sense of propriety, we hesitate to publish this detailed statement, but are giving herewith a briefer statement in summary.

Statement	
December:	
Christmas baskets	\$ 58.92
Foodstuffs	4.00
Underwear, toys, etc.	7.45
Tobacco and meat	2.55
1928:	
January:	
Clothing, shoes, etc.	15.97
February:	
Baskets of foodstuffs	4.83
March:	

Basket of foodstuffs	8.95
Underclothing, etc.	5.40
Medical service	3.50
April:	
Drugs, etc.	9.10
Foodstuffs	1.55
Underwear, etc.	2.35
Fuel	4.00
May:	
Clothing	2.50
Foodstuffs	3.10
Meat	.51
October:	
Clothing, etc.	4.65
November:	
Groceries, etc.	.65
Total	\$140.00
J. W. GREENWOOD,	
Acting Treasurer.	

School Notes

(Written by the students of the English classes.)

Grayling Girls To Play Mysterious Team

The girls' basketball team will meet its strongest opponent on the local gym floor Thursday night. Never before have the girls played the mysterious team of Michigan, the team that has never been defeated by girls. The girls are practicing hard in order to have the honor of being the first to defeat the unknown players who have so mysteriously challenged the girls to a battle. None except the coaches know anything about the strange doings of these unusual players who intend to slip quietly into the city of Grayling, walk away with the honors, and slip out again in the dead of night. Perhaps they may be able to get into town without anyone knowing it—but only time will tell as to the victory. The local girls have won both games played so far this year, and have already proven their ability both in shooting baskets and in their teamwork.

Come out and help them win their hardest game of the season, Thursday night. Let's have a record crowd.

Thursday night, after a lapse of athletic relations between the two schools, Grayling will play Gladwin on the Grayling court. This game will be Grayling's first hard game of the season.

So far Grayling has won every game quite easily, but they will not win so easily against Gladwin. Gladwin team is a worthy foe and is not to be easily beaten. Four years ago, when they last played Grayling, they won over Grayling. It was then that the great Russell (Pie) Robertson played for Grayling. This year the Grayling aggregation boasts of such players as Brady, Wylie, Neal and Fenton, and they hope to win with these.

Grayling hopes to avenge the last defeat Thursday night so let's have everyone out backing the team. Let's not let "Jimmy" Reynolds do all the yelling. Show a little life and spirit.

Grayling High cagers took both games of a double header and chalked up seven to eight consecutive wins for the school.

Grayling High School boys won both games from West Branch last Friday night.

The B team took the West Branch B team into camp to the tune of 17-11. This game was ragged in spots, both teams being able to play better basket ball than they displayed. At the end of the game the score was a tie and in the overtime period Grayling team ran up three baskets to clinch the game.

The second game of the evening was not as interesting to watch because the visitors could not penetrate the local's air-tight defense enough to score and neither could they solve the offense of the locals. The score at half time was 16-8 and at the end of the game 25-5. Grayling held the visitors scoreless until late into the fourth quarter where a pair of "Long Toms" and a free throw secured the win.

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THE WEEK IN WASHINGTON

(By Congressman Roy O. Woodruff.)

The House and Senate: December 12th was again Calendar Wednesday, and the Naval Affairs Committee, of which I am a member, had the call. The House passed all the bills the Committee had on the Union Calendar without any material opposition whatever. These bills included a bill to authorize an increase in the limit of cost, alterations and repairs to the battleships Oklahoma and Nevada; alterations and repairs to the battleship California; an increase in the authorization for the construction of two fleet submarines; a bill to regulate the distribution and promotion of commissioned officers of the Marine Corps, and a bill to correct the injustice done to Warrant Officers of the Navy in their pay schedules.

On Friday, December 14th, the House listened for the last time to the Honorable Theodore E. Burton, who on Saturday took his seat in the U. S. Senate. Mr. Burton's experience has been most unique in that he has twice been a member of the House of Representatives, and twice a member of the U. S. Senate from the State of Ohio. He has given to the country many years of very splendid public service in the two branches of Congress. I think every member of the House of Representatives regrets his leaving that body.

This week the Senate confirmed two of my postmaster appointments, namely, June L. Oliver at Beaverton, and Joseph D. Norris at Turner, both to succeed themselves and to serve another four year term.

On Friday, December 14th, I was successful in passing through the House thirty private pension bills for beneficiaries in the Tenth District. Before becoming a law, there bills must, however, be passed in the Senate and be signed by the President. The Senate on December 14th final passed the Boulder Dam Bill, authorizing an appropriation of \$165,000,000 for the construction of a dam on the Colorado River between Nevada and Arizona, with provision for a power plant to be constructed and operated either by the Government or by private enterprise in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior. The vote was 64 to 11.

The Executive Departments: In the year 1927 more than 81,000,000 pounds of fish were taken out of the Great Lakes, and of this total Lake Huron produced 15,710,731 lbs., valued at \$1,414,345. Lake Erie was the most important of the lake fisheries, Lake Michigan second, Lake Huron third, Lake Superior fourth and Lake Ontario fifth. The total catch in the Great Lakes for 1927 was valued at \$6,800,000, which was 8 per cent higher than that in 1926, according to the Bureau of Fisheries of the Department of Commerce in their annual report just issued.

The Bureau of Public Roads, which has recently completed a survey of drivers' habits on the highways of the nation, in a report on the subject, concludes that motorists need a high speed and engineers out studying traffic on the highways, who arrived at this conclusion by scientific methods. By watching the right rear wheels of passenger vehicles, they found that widths from 14 to 24 feet, with shoulders in fair condition, passenger car drivers habitually maintain a distance of from 1 1/2 to 4 feet between the outer wheel and the edge of the pavement. The Bureau's observations indicate that pavements less than 18 feet wide are decidedly too narrow since they provide no clearance for passenger cars or trucks operating in the usual paths.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the neighbors and friends for their kindness and sympathy extended to us in our recent bereavement. For the beautiful floral pieces and those who rendered assistance by singing and playing and offering the use of their cars. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Woodruff and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wolverton and family.

To The Kiddies



SANTA CLAUS wishes to meet all of the KIDDIES of Grayling and Crawford County at the COMMUNITY XMAS TREE at three o'clock in the afternoon, Monday, December 24th, and at (4) FOUR o'clock to be his guests at the Movie Theatre and see "FRANKIE DARROW" in the picture "THE CIRCUS KID."

Santa Claus

THE COMMUNITY XMAS PROGRAM

3:00 P. M. MONDAY, DEC. 24.
PRESENTS AND FREE MOVIE

The big glad day for the kiddies of Crawford county will be Monday afternoon, December 24th at 3:00 o'clock. Santa Claus has sent word that he wants every little boy and girl of Crawford county to be at the Community Christmas tree at that time. There will be large packages of candies, nuts, popcorn balls and oranges for everyone that gets there. Then for good measure, Santa Claus has sent word to Manager George Olson of the Opera House that he wants him to show the picture of "The Circus Kid" at 4:00 o'clock that same afternoon and that he is to let everyone in FREE.

And Santa Claus says that he doesn't intend to forget some of the daddies and mammas at home so just as soon as he finishes with his presents to the kiddies he will make baskets of food and gifts for some of the homes. And there will be real happiness in every home in the community. That's what Santa Claus wants.

Now, let every youngster in the county be on hand at the Christmas tree at 3:00 p. m. next Monday. Parents are urged to see that the little ones are there. Then let each one attend the dandy circus picture that Mr. Olson will have for them.

BOARD OF TRADE DIRECTORS MEET

The first monthly meeting of the directors of Grayling Board of Trade for this fiscal year was held Tuesday evening. President T. W. Hanson reported on the activities of the Board at that time.

The first event was the pot luck dinner the members enjoyed November 27th. Since that time a ladies auxiliary has been organized with Mrs. C. G. Clippert, chairman, and Mrs. Robert Reagan, secretary, which organization have agreed to sponsor a pot-luck dinner for each of the months of January, February, March and April. Pres. Hanson also recommended a series of dancing parties, when a charge of \$1 would be made in order to defray expenses. A social committee will be appointed soon to look after these affairs.

Sponsoring the Community Christmas tree, a committee consisting of Sec'y. A. J. Joseph and George Burke canvassed the town and received the amount of \$325.00 in cash together with two pairs of hands, 125 lbs. peanuts, 1 smoked ham, 1 crate oranges, 1 crate popcorn balls, 10 bushels of potatoes. Committees of the ladies have been busy purchasing presents and needy articles for the baskets and for the Christmas tree. All the money will be spent and there should be enough for everyone.

The Board also is sponsoring the Winter sports program. Fred R. Welsh is the chairman of that committee and the work is going on in fine shape. More about the activities of that committee is published elsewhere in this issue.

Because of the many pre-holiday

HAD BIG TIME AT HIGHLAND PARK

GRAYLING MASONS AID IN INITIATING CANDIDATES

The members of Grayling Lodge F. & A. M. who visited Highland Park lodge last Saturday night, have returned and all report a very enjoyable time.

There were three auto loads, starting out of Grayling Friday evening and all arrived in Detroit at various hours early the next morning. In the parties were Frank Barnett, Harry Hemmingson, Jess Schoonover, Clarence Robinson, Holger Peterson, Alton McCready, Al Roberts, Ernest Borchers, Harold McNeven and Arthur Parks.

Other specially invited visitors for the occasion were members of the Roscommon and Gaylord lodges. All were given a luncheon at Highland Park Masonic temple at noon. In the afternoon the visitors were taken into Detroit for sightseeing. Among the places visited were the Masonic temple which is probably the finest in the world; and the Ford airport.

At 6:30 there was a banquet given in their honor when about 500 persons got down to enjoy the fine dinner. This was followed by short speeches and a minstrel show, lasting about an hour and a half. The latter was made up largely of home talent players and all say it was a hum-dinger and was greatly enjoyed.

The initiatory work was done in the evening the major part of which was handled by the Grayling members. This event was an exchange in courtesies between the Highland Park Lodge and the lodges of Grayling, Gaylord and Roscommon. Last spring Highland Park lodge visited some of the Northern cities.

activities, the standing committees of the board have not yet been selected. The Board now boasts of 73 paid-up members and others have promised to come in soon.

NOTICE—TAXES ARE DUE

The tax roll for Grayling township is now in my hands for collection. You may call on any day at my service station between the hours of 8 a. m. and 8 p. m. and pay your taxes.

ALFRED HANSON,
Township Treasurer.



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Christmas Greetings

DEAR FRIENDS:

Christmas time provides one of those rare moments in life when we forget the rush and cares of business and give thought to the more worthwhile things.

It is a time when we feel tolerant toward the entire world and deeply grateful for the happiness and friendships with which we have been surrounded. It inspires us to frankly express our gratitude for all of these fine things.

As your friendship and patronage have generously contributed to our happiness and welfare, we want you to know that our thoughts at this time are of you.

We wish you a good old-fashioned Christmas—a day filled with happiness, cheer and the satisfaction of having brought happiness to others.

Cordially yours,

Grayling Box Company

Everything in Lumber and Building Supplies





CHAPTER I

The Broken Message

The messenger was peering at the card above the push-button beside the apartment entrance as I came up the stairs.

"Cheby?" he said laconically, extending a pink envelope.

"He lives here," I answered. "I'll sign for it."

The boy clumped off downstairs, and I let myself in, never dreaming that I held the key to destiny in my hand—or rather, in the pink envelope.

My cousin, Betty King, hailed me from the couch on which she sat between her father and Hugh.

"Here you are at last," she cried. "Dad and I have come to say good-by to you. We are going to Constantinople to hunt for Greek manuscripts."

"I have a theory," explained my uncle, Vernon King, "that the upheavals of the city and the occupation of the city by Christian garrisons should be productive of rich opportunities for bibliophiles like myself, aside from an enhanced chance for archaeological research."

"Well, I wish you luck," I grumbled. "And I wish I was not tied down as an architect's drawing-board."

"Matter of fact, I'm about fed up with Wall Street," growled Hugh. "Nobody can make money any more."

"It's very funny," remarked Betty. "Both you and Jack announced when you settled down after the war, Hugh, that nothing could ever root you up again. All you wanted, you said, was a good job and plenty of hard work."

"I know it," admitted Hugh. "I remember Nash, here, and Nikka Zaranko—"

"You mean the famous gypsy violinist?" interrupted my uncle, who, I ought to say, uses the millions he receives from his oil holdings to patronize the arts and sciences.

"Yes, sir. He was in the Foreign Legion during the war. We all met in the last big push. The last time we got together before demobilization we agreed we never wanted to feel the threat of danger again. We wanted to become rich and prosperous and fat and contented. That was why I came over to New York with Jack. Instead of staying home and fighting with my uncle."

"That reminds me," I said, extending the pink envelope. "Here's a cable for you, Maybe—"

"If it's from Uncle James I shall be surprised," replied Hugh, ripping open the envelope. "A line once in six months is his idea of avuncular correspondence. Hello!"

He pursed his lips in a prolonged whistle.

"Anything wrong?" asked Betty, anxiously.

"No—well—humpf! It's hard to say. Listen to this: 'Selling Aquitania today due New York eighteenth must see you immediately have important discovery your old essential family fortunes involved this confidential.'"

"Yes, on second thought, it is wrong all wrong. He's after that treasure again. Oh, lord! I did my best to persuade him to be sensible before I left England with Jack."

"A treasure?" Betty exclaimed. "But you never told me about it!"

"Oh, it's a long story," protested Hugh. "Frightfully boring. It's supposed to be located in Constantinople, and my uncle has spent his life and most of the family's property trying to find it. That's why I have to make money in New York instead of playing the country gentleman. There was little enough in the family treasury before Uncle James reached it. Now—"

Well, the new lord, who will probably be me, will find trouble paying the herald's fees, let alone succeeding duties."

"You really are too exasperating," declared Betty. "A treasure story is never boring."

"I am on Betty's side," said her father.

My uncle Vernon is a very decent sort, despite the fact that he is a millionaire. He is a professor several times over, and hates the title. And he is one of the few learned men I know who can be genuinely interested in low-brow diversions.

"So am I," I said, backing him up. "You have been guilty of secrecy with your friends, which is an English vice I thought I had broken you of, Hugh. Come clean!"

"But there's so little to tell," Hugh said. "I had an ancestor about seven hundred years ago, who is generally called Hugh the First. This Hugh was a son to Lord James, who went to the Crusades and was a famous character in his time. On his way to Palestine, the stories say, James stayed a while with the Emperor Andronicus, who ruled in the Eastern empire."

"Very interesting," nodded King. "And this treasure is supposed to be in Constantinople?" exploded Betty. "Where we are going! Isn't that so, Hugh?"

home. I have been in Constantinople for extended periods upon several occasions, and I have never satisfied myself as to the existence at this time of any bona fide portions of the Bucoleon. The older portions of the city have been so overbuilt since the Turkish conquest that frequently what is ostensibly a relatively modern building



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ing turns out to be almost unbelievably ancient at the core. But the prejudices of the Turks and their distaste for foreign—"

Betty, chewing her fingers with impatience, waved to her father to be silent.

"Daddy!" she exclaimed. "It's all you aren't lecturing, you know! Don't let Hugh get on with the treasure."

"But I'm afraid I've got as far as I can," replied Hugh. "The tradition simply says that Andronicus confided the secret of the location to Lord James. Then Andronicus was assassinated and James was thrown into prison by his successor, Hugh, James' son, went to Constantinople with an army of Latin Crusaders who had decided that the best way to help the Holy land was to establish a friendly base there. The Crusaders captured the city, and Hugh rescued his father. Then they returned to England. Before James died he passed on the secret of the treasure to Hugh. There are documents in the Charter 'best'."

"What's that?" demanded Betty. "It's a terribly old oaken box, bound with copper and steel," explained Hugh. "We keep it in a safe deposit vault in the City—London, you know. For many generations the Lords of Chesby were too busy to hunt treasure far from home."

"One Lord tried it in Harry the Fifth's time, but the Greeks watched him so closely that he thought himself lucky to escape from Constantinople with his life. Then the Turks captured the city, and after that it was too risky—except for one chap in Elizabeth's reign. He was Lord James, the sixteenth baron, a shipmate of Raleigh and Drake and Hawkins, and he feared nothing that lived. He put in at Constantinople and hearded the Grand Turk in his lair. But even he did no venture to make a genuine sea in view of the conditions that prevailed. From his time on few of the family bothered with the tradition until Uncle James commenced to mortgage farms to finance his researches."

"Then you have no definite knowledge of the location of the treasure?" asked King. "No chart or—"

Hugh laughed bitterly.

"No, sir, that is just why I feel so peevish over the way Uncle James has devastated the estate. It's a search for a needle in a haystack—and a needle that in all probability never existed, at that."

"Nonsense!" said Betty. "It's as good as a treasure story as I ever read. Why shouldn't it be true? Could you imagine a more perfect place for concealing a treasure all these centuries than Constantinople? I for one intend to believe in it and if your uncle wants any help in hunting for it, he can count on me."

"We'll all help him, if it comes to that," I said. "Nikka Zaranko would never forgive us if we left him out of such a party."

"Uncle James will have nothing tangible to go on," said Hugh. "You can stake your last shilling on that. He's never had a sane idea yet. I couldn't honestly encourage him in any more foolishness."

"Perhaps," suggested King, "his visit has nothing to do with the treasure." Hugh chuckled, his merry self again.

"Cross the Atlantic just to look me up? Not a chance, sir. His ruling passion is driving him on. Confound it, though! I wish this hadn't come up. And I wish I didn't crave adventure again. And I wish you weren't going to Constantinople."

"How about giving the Kings a line to Nikka in Paris or wherever he is?" I asked.

"Thanks," said Betty, "but we're going via the Mediterranean. The best

time for you boys to go is to pack up with Hugh's uncle, collect your friend Nikka's route and follow on."

"No go," answered Hugh dully. "All I am scheduled for is a fat family row."

The steamship company telephoned while Hugh and I were at breakfast to say that the Aquitania was just docking. When we reached the pier West street was swarming with outgoing automobiles loaded with the first contingents of departing passengers. We surrendered our passes and drove into the swirling vortex of hurried travelers, hysterical relatives and impassive customs officials.

The purser's office in the main saloon was vacant, but Hugh buttonholed a passing steward.

"Lord Chesby, sir? Yes, sir, he was one of the first ashore. There was a gentleman to meet him, I think, sir."

"That's queer," muttered Hugh as we returned to the gangway. "Who could meet him beside me?"

"It's damned queer," I agreed. "What does your uncle look like?"

"He's small, stocky, not fat. Must be around sixty," said Hugh vaguely. We surveyed the space in the customs lines under the letter C.

"No, he's not here," said Hugh. "Wait, though, there's Watkins!"

"Who's Watkins?" I asked, boring a passage beside him through the crowd. "He's Uncle James' man."

Watkins was the replica of Hugh's description of his uncle. He was a chunky, solid sort of man, with the masculine face of the trained English servant.

"Hello, Watty?" Hugh greeted him. "Where's my uncle?"

The valet's features lighted up. "Ah, Mister Hugh! I'm very glad to see you, sir, if I may say so. Is Ind-ship, sir? Why, 'e went off with your messenger, sir."

"My messenger?" Hugh repeated blankly.

"Yes, sir. The dark gentleman. Your man, 'e said 'e was, sir."

"Did you hear that, Jack?" Watkins became suddenly anxious. "There's nothing wrong, I hope, sir? The gentleman came aboard to find us, and told 'is ludship how 'e been delayed, and 'e was to come along to your rooms, sir, whilst 'e saw the luggage through the customs. Wasn't that right, sir?"

Hugh sat down on a trunk. "It's right enough, Watty," he groaned, "except that I never sent such a message and I haven't a man."

"What sort of a man was this messenger?" I asked.

Watkins turned to me, a look of bewilderment in his face.

"An eastern-looking gentleman, 'e was, sir, like the gypsies 'is ludship occasionally 'as down to Chesby. 'How long ago did Uncle James leave, Watty?" asked Hugh.

"Nearly an hour, sir."

"Time enough for him to have reached the apartment, Jack. do you mind telephoning on the off-chance? I'll fetch an inspector to go over this stuff."

I had no difficulty in getting the apartment. The cleaning woman who "did" for us answered. No, nobody had called, and there had been no telephone messages. I hastened back to the C space with a sense of ugly forebodings.

"Do you know, Jack," said Hugh seriously, "I am beginning to think that something sinister may have happened? Wa—tells me that he and Uncle James are just come from Constantinople. He says my uncle went there convinced that he had discovered the key to the treasure's hiding-place, but in some unexplained way Uncle James was deterred from carrying out his plans, and they returned hurriedly to England."

"And now I think of it, sir," amended Watkins, "we 'ave been shadowed ever since we went to Turkey. I never paid much attention to them, considering it was coincidence like, but it's been one dark gentleman after another—at the Pera Palace hotel in Constantinople, on the Orient express, in London when we called on 'is ludship's solicitor. After his conversation with Mr. Bellows, 'e sent the cablegram to you, sir, and 'e 'ad the Charter Chest sent up from the safe deposit vault—but that was before we went to Turkey, to be sure, sir."

"It was, eh? Hugh was all interest. "How was that?"

"Why, sir, 'e rang for me one day at Chesby, and 'e was rubbin' 'is 'ands together like he does when 'e's pleased, and 'e said: 'Watkins, we're goin' to run down to Constantinople. Wire Mr. Bellows to 'ave the Charter Chest sent up from the bank. I must 'ave another look at it—' 'e was talkin' to himself, sir—I wonder if the hint might not 'ave been in the instructions, after all."

Hugh jumped.

"By Jove, he has been after the treasure! The instructions is the original parchment on which Hugh the First inscribed his command to his son to go after the treasure—carefully leaving out, however, the directions for finding it. Dammit, I knew the old boy was up to some foolishness. If he's taken on some giddy crew of crooks for a piratical venture—"

"He wouldn't have called on you for help," I cut him off.

"True," assented Hugh. "But I wish I could take some stock in the nonsense at the bottom of it."

"I wonder!" I said. "I'm drifting to Betty's belief that there is more in the treasure story than you think."

"It's bunk, I tell you," said Hugh thoroughly disgusted. "Watty, collect some porters and get this baggage down to the taxi stand."

The cleaning woman was still in the apartment when we returned, and she reiterated her assertion that nobody had called. We had some lunch, and then, on Watkins' suggestion, I rang up hotels for two hours—without any result. At the end of my tether I hung up the receiver and John Hugh in gloomy reflection on the couch.

"There's one thing more to do," said Hugh suddenly. "Telephone the police."

"That would involve publicity," I pointed out.

he spoke and I unlocked the receiver. "Is this Mr. Chesby's apartment?"

The voice that hurried in my ear was strangely thick, with a guttural intonation. "Tell him they are taking what's left of his uncle to the police. It's his own fault the old fool got it. And you can tell his nephew we will feed him a dose of the same medicine if he doesn't come across."

Brr-rring!

"Wait! Wait!" I gasped into the mouthpiece. "Who?"

"Number, please," said a stilted feminine voice.

"My God!" I cried. "Hugh, they've killed him, I think."

Hugh's face went white as I repeated the message.

"Where is this hospital?" stammered Hugh.

"Over on the East side."

"We must catch a taxi. Hurry!" Watkins came with us. In the taxi none of us spoke. We were all dazed. As we turned into East Twenty-sixth street and the portals of the huge, red-brick group of buildings loomed ahead of us, Hugh exclaimed fiercely: "It may not be true! I believe it was a lie!"

But it was not a lie, as we soon learned. Yes, the nurse on duty told us, an ambulance had brought in an elderly man such as Hugh described within the half-hour. The orderly would have us the ward.

We traversed a maze of passages to a curtained doorway where a young surgeon, immaculate in white, awaited us.

"You want to see the old man who has been stabbed?" he said.

Hugh, I slipped my arm.

"Stabbed? Is he—"

The surgeon nodded.

"Yes, he must have made a hell of a fight. He's all slashed up—too old to stand the shock. This way."

He led us into a long room lined with beds. A high screen had been reared around one of them, and he drew it aside and motioned for us to enter. An old nurse stood by the head of the narrow bed with a hypodermic needle in his hand. Opposite him knelt a nurse. Two bulky men in plain clothes, obvious policemen, stood at the foot.

And against the pillow lay a head that might have been Hugh's, frosted and lined by the years. The gray hair grew in the same even way as Hugh's. The hawk-nose, the deep-set eyes, the stubborn jaw, the close-clipped mustache, the small ears, were all the same. As we entered, the eyes flashed open an instant, then closed. "Uncle James!"

The policemen and the nurse eyed us curiously, but the surgeon by the bed kept his attention concentrated on the inert figure, fingers pressing lightly on the pulse of a hand that lay outside the sheets. Swiftly he stooped, with a low ejaculation to the nurse. She swabbed the figure's arm with a dab of cotton, and the needle was driven home.

"Caught him up in time," remarked the surgeon impartially. "Best leave him while it acts. I fancy you will be able to secure a few words with him before the strychnin has taken hold, but he is slipping fast."

One of the policemen stepped forward.

"I am from the detective bureau," he said. "Do you know how this happened?"

"We know nothing," returned Hugh. "He funded from the Aquitania this morning. We were late in reaching the pier. When we reached it he was gone, ostensibly to seek my apartment."

"Name?" asked the detective, thumbing a notebook.

"His? Chesby. It's mine, too."

"English?"

"Yes."

"Business or profession?"

"Well, I don't know how to answer that question. He is a scholar—and then he's a member of the house of Lords."

A subtle change came over the faces of the policemen. They became almost deferential. Their interest, which had been perfunctory, grew intense.

"Ice-cream?" exclaimed one of them. "It's beginning to look big. Who, 'e, 'ave wanted to bump off a guy like him? Was he—a gay sort of old boy, eh?"

"Positively, no. He was the last man to suspect of anything like that. He has been a traveler and a student all his life."

"What was his specialty?"

"Gypsy dialects and history, and the ancient history of Constantinople."

"Gypsies, eh?" The detective was all alert. "He was picked up corner of Thirtieth street and Avenue C. There's plenty of gypsy dumps in that neighborhood. A man and three women saw him dropped from a closed

"Wouldn't—tell—him—treasure—said—torture—house—eyes—gypsy—"

Exhaustion overcame him. His eyes closed.

"Is he going?" I murmured. Hugh crouched lower and held his watchcase to the blue lips. A mist clouded the polished surface.

"Give him time," he said. "Watty, who is Toutou?"

"Never heard of 'im, sir. Oh, Mister Hugh, sir, 'is 'is ludship—"

The gray eyes opened; the lips began to move.

"Watch-out—that gang—desperate—be—after—you."

"But who are they, Uncle James?"

"Touky—wait—Beras—mapy—bad—"

"Where did they take you? Tell us, and we shall have them arrested?"

The gray eyes glittered.

"No—no—lad—avoid—police—don't talk—treasure—"

"Where is the treasure?" I interposed.

"Built—cadars—it—"

His breathing dwindled to little, fluttering gasps, but he fought on.

"How did you find it, Uncle James?" asked I, with a sob.

That gay smile of triumph shone in his eyes for the last time.

"Used—my—brain—all—laughed—me—in—Hugh's—"

And the life flickered out of him as we watched.

There were several details to be settled with the hospital authorities. The British consulate had to be notified. Reporters had to be seen. It was early evening when the three of us returned to the apartment, and the newsmen were yelling an extru-

English nobleman murdered on the East side! Horrible death of Lord Chesby!

I bought a copy, and we read it as we walked down Fifth Avenue.

After landing from the Cunarder Aquitania this morning, Lord Chesby, a dignified, scholarly man of fifty-eight, was lured away from the pier into the pureness of the East side, where, apparently after a valiant fight for life, he was set upon and backed with knives. His body, still living, was left by an automobile—

"Skip it," ordered Hugh impatiently. "What do they say of the object of the crime?"

"From the fact that Lord Chesby has made a life-long study of gypsy lore and dialects," I read on, "the police suspect that some criminal of these nomad tribes may have slain the distinguished man, either for personal gain or vengeance. Lord Chesby's nephew and heir, the Hon. Hugh James Ronald Howard Chesby, who is a Wall Street bond-broker, received a telephone message during the afternoon, notifying him of his uncle's fate and warning him that the same fate would be his if he made any attempt to run down the assassins."

"I don't like it," interrupted Hugh again, frowning. "But it will have to stand. Uncle James wanted it that way and his word is law. The police can't help us. We are playing a lone hand. All rules are off."

"A lone hand?" I repeated. "Does that mean that Nikka is out of it?"

"I hate to drag him away from his concerts," answered Hugh, considering. "He's making pots of money. But if there's a gypsy angle to this he'd be priceless to me."

"And he'd never forgive us if we left him out," I added.

"I suppose he wouldn't. Tell you what, we'll cable him to meet us in London at my solicitor's office. I want to talk to Bellows and have a look at the Charter Chest."

screen, and Hugh touched the surgeon on the arm.

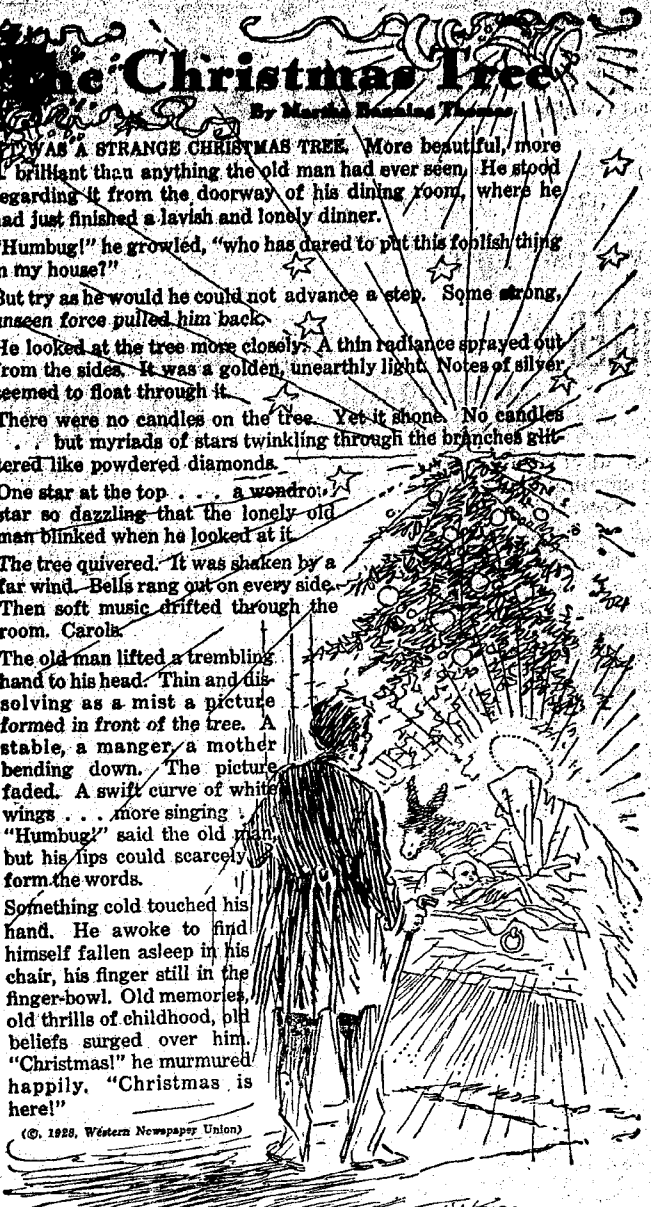
"How long?"

"Probably only a few minutes."

As he spoke, the deep-sunk eyes flickered open, surveyed us almost quiescently, and by one—

Hugh bent forward, Watkins beside him.

"Do you know me, Uncle James?"



The Christmas Tree

By Martin Armstrong

IT WAS A STRANGE CHRISTMAS TREE. More beautiful, more brilliant than anything the old man had ever seen. He stood regarding it from the doorway of his dining room, where he had just finished a lavish and lonely dinner.

"Humbbug!" he growled, "who has dared to put this foolish thing in my house?"

But try as he would he could not advance a step. Some strong, unseen force pulled him back.

He looked at the tree more closely. A thin radiance sprayed out from the sides. It was a golden, unearthly light. Notes of silver seemed to float through it.

There were no candles on the tree. Yet it shone. No candles, but myriads of stars twinkling through the branches glittered like powdered diamonds.

One star at the top . . . a wondrous star so dazzling that the lonely old man blinked when he looked at it.

The tree quivered. It was shaken by a far wind. Bells rang out on every side. Then soft music drifted through the room. Carol.

The old man lifted a trembling hand to his head. Thin and dissolving as a mist a picture formed in front of the tree. A stable, a manger, a mother bending down. The picture faded. A swift curve of white wings . . . more singing. "Humbbug!" said the old man, but his lips could scarcely form the words.

Something cold touched his hand. He awoke to find himself fallen asleep in his chair, his finger still in the finger-bowl. Old memories, old thrills of childhood, old beliefs surged over him. "Christmas!" he murmured happily. "Christmas is here!"

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COMMUNITY AUCTION SALE STIMULATES SMALL TOWN TRADE

The successful community sale staged by 45 merchants in Palmyra, Missouri, is reported in "Drug Topics" for November. Palmyra has only about 3,000 inhabitants, but the surrounding territory was largely drawn upon by the preliminary advertising. One feature was the morning auction of live stock and farm machinery in which all farmers were allowed a chance to include items, thereby increasing their available cash. In the afternoon, the auctioneers proceeded from one to another of the 45 stores, selling to the highest bidder the items of merchandise each retailer had advertised would be so offered. The auction sale alone realized \$5,000 and many hundreds of dollars were spent in the stores during the day by the crowds of visitors. The advertising costs and the auctioneer services were pro-rated, making the expense of the individual merchants almost negligible. The experiment was considered a decided success.

Soap in Olden Times

In the Thirteenth century Mursellies (France) became the center for the manufacture of soap from olive oil, and this art spread to England in the fourteenth century. Pliny (A. D. 79) described soap as used by the Germans, and the Old Testament also records the use of it.

In the good old days mother went to the cellar regularly to skim the milk crocks. Now father goes to the cellar to do the skimming and he doesn't get any cream either.

And on Earth, PEACE

Peace be unto you
At this fair Christmas tide,
May this gift of the Savior
Ever with you abide.

"Peace I leave with you"—
His blessing still continues—
"My Peace I give unto you"—
How lovingly it lingers.

"Not as the world giveth
Give I unto you"—
Wordly gifts are fleeting,
But His gifts are true.

"Let not your heart be troubled,
Neither let it be afraid"—
Peace, Good Will to all mankind,
Love, Hope, come to your aid.

And Joy and Faith and many more
Such gifts are freely given,
And added to them, also gifts
For which you long have striven.

Interesting Events in Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES
OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO.

Thursday, December 21, 1905

The snow came this morning for Christmas sleighing.

Dr. Insley is prepared for any storms that may come, with a modern covered cutter with storm front. It is a dandy.

Ben Jerome is home from the Agricultural College for the holiday vacation. He is always welcomed by our young people.

The little daughter of E. Douglas backed into a pile of hot water last Saturday morning burning her quite severely but not dangerously.

Frank Nichols has just completed this season's work with his new clover huller in this county. He hulled 298 bushels of prime clover seed, worth about \$2700.00. Not bad for a starter on these "worthless" plains.

Dr. Insley amputated three fingers for Ralph Hanna's boy of Beaver Creek, Sunday morning. The kid had tried it in a stalk-cutter but did not make a good job, so they brought him to the village for trimming.

Beaver Creek is not dead, but on the contrary is fully up to date. They have established a singing school, meeting once a week at the Benedict School house with Mr. Shively as teacher and are making the neighborhood full of music.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Amidon were called to Benzie county last Saturday by the sudden though not unexpected death of her sister. They drove across to Kalkaska in order to catch a train on the G. R. & I. road.

A. E. Hendrickson, the tailor, has moved his shop from over C. Hanson's saloon to his residence on the south side, where he will be glad to meet all his old customers, and many new ones. Satisfaction and first class work guaranteed.

Grayling lost one of our pioneers yesterday in the going to Savannah, N. Y., of Mrs. Jeannette Woodworth, who has lived here for over twenty years. Her activity in our social world and in all things pertaining to charity and church work, and especially her musical ability, which has been fully exercised for the pleasure of our citizens, has ever been a bond of union by which she will ever be most kindly remembered.

A surprise is given our people this week by the announcement that Rev. H. A. Sheldon is about to leave us, and will, in a few days remove to Davenport, Washington.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year by Grayling Chapter No. 120 R. A. M.

High Priest—Melvin A. Bates.
King—Adelbert Taylor.
Scribe—John Leece.
Treasurer—R. D. Connine.
Secretary—Fred Narnin.
Captain of Host—John F. Hum.
P. S.—H. P. Olson.
R. A. C.—Henry Trumley.
Master 3rd Veil—George Taylor.
Master 2nd Veil—John Morrison.
Master 1st Veil—Lars Nelson.
Sentinel—Hyman Joseph.

At a regular meeting of Companion Court Grayling No. 652 I. O. F., held Wednesday evening, Dec. 13, the following officers were elected:
C. R.—Emma Woodburn.
P. C. R.—Maria Hammond.

V. C. R.—Mary McNeven.
C. D.—Nellie McNeven.
R. S.—Annie Harrington.
F. S.—Lottie Bates.
Orator—Edna Wainwright.
S. W.—Christine Ness.
J. W.—Emma Nelson.
S. B.—Mrs. Hanson.
J. B.—Mary Shanahan.
Physician—S. N. Insley.

Mrs. L. Fournier opened her elegant home Tuesday evening, giving a farewell party to Miss Louise Woodworth, who was going east with her mother. It was a pleasant gathering though with a tinge of sadness as those who had been life-long chums, those of the party or its guests presented Miss Woodworth with a beautiful string of gold beads as a memento of the occasion, and of their love.

The Christmas Turkey

Select a young turkey weighing from 12 to 14 pounds. Dress, remove all pin feathers and the oil bag. Wipe the inside of the turkey and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Fill the cavity with hot stuffing, but do not crowd the stuffing in tightly or it will not have the light fluffy consistency that so many persons prefer. Fold the wings back on the neck. Tuck the legs into a band of skin and flesh below the tail, or tie or skewer them down. Sew the cut surfaces so that the dressing will not fall out or become moist when baked. After the turkey is stuffed and trussed, rub the surface with butter and sprinkle with salt, pepper, and flour. Lay a piece of fat over the breast bone and put the turkey on a rack in a covered roaster. Put a small quantity of water in the bottom of the pan. Cover and put in a hot oven (about 450 degrees) for 4 1/2 hours or longer, until the turkey is lightly browned. Reduce the oven temperature to 375 degrees and continue the cooking for 2 or 2 1/2 hours longer. It is sometimes necessary to baste the turkey with the drippings even though a covered pan is used. The turkey should be turned first on one side and then on the other during the cooking so that it browns well all over and the breast does not become too brown or dry. A good way to test a turkey for "doneness" is to pierce one of the legs near the breast bone. If the liquid does not show a red tinge, the turkey is ready to serve. Another test is to lift the wing and see whether it would be easy to disjoint in carving. Place the bird on a large hot platter, remove the strings with which it is sewed, and garnish with parsley.

When the bulls and bears fight it out in the stock market, somebody gets hurt and usually it is the sheep.

Backache

If Bladder Weakness, Getting Up Nights, Backache, Burning or Itching Sensation, leg or groin pains make you feel old, tired, peevish, and worn out why not make the Cystex 48 Hour Test? Don't give up. Get Cystex today at Mac & Gidley's. Put it to a 48 hour test. Money back if you don't soon feel like new, full of pep, sleep well, with pains alleviated. Try Cystex today. Only 60c.

NUMBER OF TUBERCULOSIS CASES HELD DEFERRED

Upon the success of the Christmas examinations, which seems to be a close on December 25, depends the extent to which the Michigan Tuberculosis Association will be able to meet the growing demand for chest clinic service in Michigan, according to Dr. E. R. Van der Elze, Medical Director of the Association.

"Nearly 600 persons were refused examinations at our clinics this year, because limited funds did not permit us to sponsor a more extensive program," he says. "With a sufficient increase in the proceeds of the Christmas sale, aided with the help of county appropriations, we hope to conduct in 1928 a series of clinics that will accommodate all who need examinations."

A total of 1811 patients were examined during 1928 at clinics conducted in 41 counties by the Michigan Tuberculosis Association. At the Crawford county clinic, held in Grayling on August 13-14, twenty-three persons were given free examinations. The discovery of positive and suspicious cases of tuberculosis in five of that number meant their isolation as active infecting agents in their communities.

Special stress in the 1929 clinic, according to Dr. Van der Elze, will be laid upon the giving of thorough examination to girls and young women. "Starting increases in the past four years have marked the number of deaths from tuberculosis among young women, particularly those in the age group from 15 to 19," he states. "Death from this disease at any age is tragic, but in youth it is doubly every attempt will be made in our 1929 clinics to seek out cases of the disease among young women in order that the threat of tuberculosis to them may be lessened."

Well-Deserved Fate

"I don't wish Jim Judd the town calamity howler, no hard luck," says Old Man Munn, "but I wish he'd climb one of the mountains he makes out mole hills, and fall off." Farm and Fireside

MICKIE SAYS—

LISSEN, FRIEND WHEN WE SEND YOU A STATEMENT, WE ARE CALLING YOU A DEAD BEAT! EVERYBODY GETS 'EM, FROM MILLIONAIRES TO BANKERS—ALL A STATEMENT FROM US MEANS IS THAT YOU OWE US MONEY AND WE'D LIKE TO HAVE IT PLEASE



GENERAL STOCK CONDITIONS

(Wm. McKinstry, Pres. McKinstry Institute of Financial Research, Inc.)

The stock market has had one of its inevitable reactions. Most of us expected it sooner or later. As such reactions occur, recoveries will follow. General reactions, however, are always disconcerting when they come, especially after a dinner party. Of course there are many who expect every reaction to endure forever, like a neurotic who constructs a desert from a sandhill and prophesies a cyclone from every gust of wind.

Brokers and some professionals, among whom are most of the bears, point to Governor Seay's late remark that speculation had become a menace—that stocks were overvalued and that it was bad for individuals and institutions to enter the call loan field in competition with the banks. We fall to see the logic in any of these three propositions. It is like the professor who called upon a student to define a lobster. "A lobster," said the student, "is a red fish that walks backwards." "That's a good definition," said the professor. "Next," he said, "define a lobster." "A lobster is NOT red, is NOT a fish, and does NOT walk backwards."

We see no menace in the faith manifested by the public in a continuation of our progress and prosperity. We see no menace in buying stocks of companies whose future is interwoven with this progress and prosperity. We see no menace in individuals or corporations entering the call money field if they choose to do so. Some of the bearish element go so far as to say that a reaction of long duration is bound to come. Why? Not one-half of one per cent of the issues listed on the New York Stock Exchange are selling too high when we consider present earnings and prospects. More are selling too low. But because a small fraction of the list may have been overbought the argument is advanced that the whole list is too high. This is another illustration of that mental miasma which mistakes a part for the whole.

He who constantly keeps his nose to the ticker is a poor judge of business conditions. It is difficult to draw a map of a city after walking through its streets. It takes detachment to appraise anything in its entirety.

Heretofore we have indicated stocks whose advance in market price was probable and continuing. Of Sinclear's amalgamation of capital structure, its retirement of bonds, its record earnings as reasons for the purchase of its stock, Sinclear is still a purchase. We gave advance facts with reference to General American Tank Car, pointing out the retirement of the preferred stock—the increase in dividends in cash and in stock—record earnings and a strong capital position as reasons for buying this issue. The reasons still hold good. Stock of a company of such strength as General American Tank Car that yields around 5% even before additional dividend distributions, affords an opportunity at any time and at any market.

STATE SEEKS SURFACE CONTROL OF OIL PROPERTIES

Effective surface control of the Michigan oil and gas properties is to be sought by the state when the legislature convenes next month. R. A. Smith, State geologist, announces that proposed legislation has already been prepared and is being drafted by the attorney general's office to would make them ineffective. There is a law on the books now which empowers the state to control the drilling, casing and plugging of wells but there is no legal lever that may be used to cover ground operation about the wells. The department of conservation discovered this fact when it attempted to compel owners to conserve natural gas that was being turned into the air. The court denied an injunction to halt the waste and so far as legal responsibility was concerned, the operators were permitted to do about as they pleased in this direction.

"I venture to say," Geologist Smith stated, "that the waste of gas in the Traverse and other fields has been worth as much as all the oil that has flowed or has been pumped from this formation. We want to conserve this gas, if possible, and some of our proposed legislation is for this purpose."

If possible, the department wants to write a law into the books that will curb the city lot drilling practice. Oil and gas fields are always injured and often ruined by over-drilling. In a field extends into a suburban district of a city, every lot owner has the privilege of drilling a well. If several men in the same neighborhood choose to exercise their rights, the field is almost certain to be spoiled so far as quantity production is concerned. The law, however, should permit the lot owners to drill and operate under a community lease.

Health in Moderation

No one who takes care of himself allows them to be overexerted. A valuable rule is never entered in tomorrow's until he is able to stand the strain. So it must be with human beings. Don't overdo yourself or allow your child to overdo. If you would preserve good health Exchange.

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TIRE JUDGMENT MEANS MORE MILES

By Erwin Greer
(President Greer School of Electrical and Automotive Trades, Chicago, Ill.)

Conceded that mileage means wear in this particular sense, then there are a lot of drivers who are getting a great many more miles out of their tires than they think they are.

There is a lot of travel that the speedometer can't register. When you back up; when you skid with the rear wheels locked and when your car wheels are out of line.

When the tire wobbles, of course, the wheel does too. It covers a lot more territory than there is need of, and the tread wears out through a continual skidding. The front wheels should be checked at least once a month.

It is not good policy to drive a straight course merely for the sake of doing so. Avoid depressions, holes, stones, bumps, car tracks and ragged pavements, even if your car is equipped to absorb shocks. Your tires are not so equipped. Striking a sharp projection at high speed may deduct one hundred miles from the running life of your tire.

Quit cutting traffic buttons. They are one of the major causes of the "stone bruise" type of tire injury, and they cause many thousands of dollars worth of damage each day. Don't skid around a corner. Take the turn slow and when about half around feed the car gas. In this manner you will be able to negotiate the turn more safely and save your tires too. Don't step on it at the start. Speeding up too quickly from a standing start results in spinning wheels, and spinning wheels cause the tire tread to be grated and worn against the pavements. Don't attempt to stop your car in the space of ten feet just because you have excellent brakes, and the car will brake down from a speed of thirty miles in that short space. This is not only bad for the tires, but there will come an emergency stop sometime—when the brakes will fail to work.

Adopt these mental calisthenics and soon you will do the right thing by your tires, just as you automatically shift the gears and apply the brakes.

CONSERVATION EMPLOYEES TO TAKE CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS

In the future prospective employees of the department of conservation must meet certain requirements imposed by the commission. The civil service plan is to be followed as the result of recommendations made to the commission by Director George R. Hogarth.

Director Hogarth has studied the situation for several months and has arrived at the conclusion that some step must be taken to improve the personnel of the field organization. "After a careful study of our field organization over a 22 month period," Director Hogarth told the commission, "I am convinced that some radical changes must be made in the personnel; and above all, a new policy must be adopted as to manner of selecting our field workers."

The recommendation was immediately approved by the commission. He at once appointed a personnel committee that consists of the director of conservation, and the chief forest fire warden, the chief conservation officer and the chief of the division in which the vacancy may exist. This group will carefully examine all properly qualified applicants for positions in the field force.

Some of the general requirements are that the applicant shall be at least 25 years of age and not over 50; that his physical condition must be such as to permit him to carry out the duties of his position; that he be of good character and his social standing in the community be unquestioned; that his training be such as to equip him for the work and that preference be given those who have previously served the department in a satisfactory manner. The applicant will be required to appear before the examining board and shall be willing to be stationed wherever the board may designate.

"Squawman"

The word "squawman" has two meanings. One is an Indian who does a woman's work; the other, the one which is more often meant, a white man married to an Indian woman and living with her people.

How I Praise Day I Learned About Konjola

Victim Of Neuritis, Failing To Find Relief, Tells Of Quick And Happy End To Pain Through New Medicine



MRS. CHRISTINE SUSEWITZ
Those who suffer from neuritis will find much to cheer them in the statement of Mrs. Christine Susewitz, 5732 Bostwick street, Detroit. She writes:

"A year ago I had kidney trouble, and then came neuritis. Pains in my shoulders and arms were so acute that I cried out in agony. I could not sleep, and I grew weak and listless. My kidneys got me up many times at night; terrible headaches nearly drove me frantic, and finally I was forced to take to my bed. There I remained a month. Not a thing gave me even temporary relief. I was discouraged and heart-sick. Then—and how I thank that day—I heard of Konjola, and started the treatment. Now get this—in exactly two weeks my kidneys were corrected and the neuritis had left me. Four days after starting Konjola I was able to leave my bed. Does this seem possible? Isn't it wonderful that there is such a medicine? I wish I knew words enough to express my amazement and gratitude for this astounding medicine. Konjola is, indeed, called the master medicine."

Konjola is sold in Grayling at the Mac & Gidley drug store and by all the best druggists throughout this entire section.

Chicago reformers are organizing to close the liquor dives where drinks are sold to high school children. It might also be a good idea to look into the Chicago shooting galleries which have juvenile customers.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

In the matter of the estate of Andrew Peterson, late of the Village of Grayling in said County, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that four months from the tenth day of December A. D. 1928, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased to said court for examination and adjustment, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court, at the probate office, in the Village of Grayling in said county, on or before the 15th day of April A. D. 1929, and that said claims will be heard by said court on Monday the 15th day of April A. D. 1929, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated this tenth day of December A. D. 1928.

GEORGE SORENSON,
Judge of Probate.

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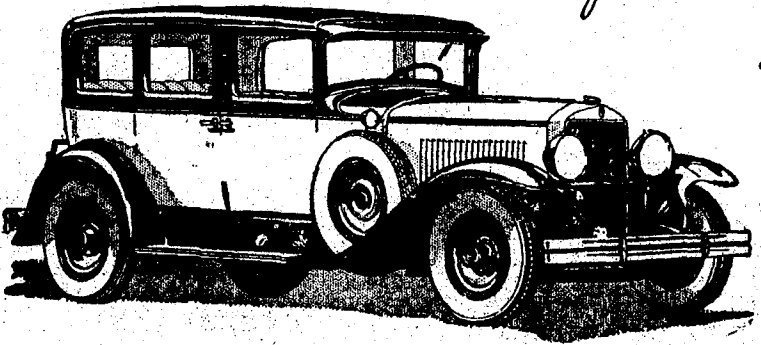
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DON'T PUT ASHES IN STREET

Notice is hereby given that there is an ordinance that prohibits the dumping of ashes on the streets. That practice must be stopped for ashes cause much trouble by washing down into the manholes and clogging them.

By order of the Street Committee.
JULIUS NELSON,
Street Commissioner.

NOTICE

This is to notify the public that I will not be responsible for any bills contracted by others than myself.

Dated December 19, 1928.
EDWIN GIBBONS.

A Grayling Cook Book would make a lovely Christmas gift. You may get them from any member of St. Mary's Altar society.



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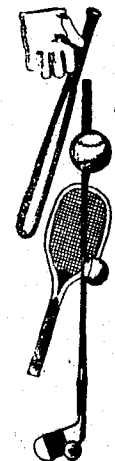
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1928

LOCAL NEWS

Floyd McClain returned the middle of last week from Flint, where he had been for several days.

Mrs. R. Hanson is the donor of the Star of Bethlehem that adorns the top of the community Christmas tree.

Miss Margrethe and Olga Neilsen are entertaining a number of their friends at a Christmas party tonight.

See the fine line of Men's and Boy's heavy socks at Olson's.

Shoppensons Inn is adding to the Christmas spirit of the community by placing a Christmas tree in front of the hotel, all trimmed and lighted.

The Ladies National League will have a Christmas party Saturday night at the American Legion hall, for the members and some invited friends. They will have a Christmas tree and program, followed by lunch.

Most of the Grayling stores boast of a thriving holiday business. The buying public has learned that they can find here what they are looking for. Read the advertisements in the AVALANCHE and get a good idea of some of the things that are being offered.

Seven million brook trout eggs and 250,000 brown trout eggs were taken at Grayling hatchery this fall, and are now hatching. This is the largest number of brook trout eggs ever taken in a Michigan hatchery, and is a fine achievement on the part of Supt. Zalsman and his assistants.

Midnight mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's church on Christmas Eve with special music by the choir under the direction of Mrs. Marius Hanson. On Christmas morning the mass will be at ten o'clock and previous to that Fr. Culligan will go to Roscommon for mass at 9:00 their time.

See the men's and Women's Phoenix hosiery in gold Xmas boxes at Olson's.

The Children of St. Mary's church will have their Christmas party at the temple theatre, Saturday evening, beginning at 7:00 o'clock. There will be a Christmas tree, and a program of recitations and music by several of the children under the direction of Miss Hazel Cassidy. St. Mary's Altar society are sponsoring the affair.

We doubt if there is a town the size of Grayling that has nicer trimmed show windows in its stores. Trimming windows is an art that seems to have been very well mastered by some of our energetic clerks. There is hardly a store in town that hasn't made special effort to show its goods in its windows in a very attractive manner.

Two-cord load of soft wood slabs delivered, \$5.00. Two-cord load hardwood slabs delivered, \$6.00. Phone 37. Grayling Manf. Co.

Ted McDonald, age 44 years, who had resided in Grayling for the past couple of years, was taken to Mercy Hospital seriously ill, where he passed away on December 28th of peritonitis. He was born in Canada and had resided in the United States 39 years. The remains were taken to Millersburg, Michigan for burial on December 11, accompanied by a brother, who was called here at his brother's death.

The Community tree has been placed at the intersection of Michigan and Peninsular avenues and is brilliant with electric lights, the tree top being adorned with a large gold star with stronger lights on each side of it. The Community tree this year is in charge of the Grayling Board of Trade, and it is here that the children will meet Santa next Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. The Village saw to getting the tree and placing it.

Township Treasurer Alfred Hanson made a bargain with his wife that promises to be rather expensive according to reports. Mrs. Hanson was offered half the commission on all taxes collected before Christmas as her Christmas present. He little realized what a hustler his wife is and now instead of waiting until after Christmas most of the largest tax payers are paying up before, and more are coming in every day. May the ring of dollars in her purse drown out the loudest Christmas bells!

Tonight, Thursday, Charlevoix High school boys basketball team will play Grayling here at home. The date had been scheduled to meet Gladwin but because of an epidemic of flu in that city the schools are closed and the game had to be abandoned. Charlevoix has agreed to all the date they to receive a guarantee of \$50.00. That team is coached by Stubby Kipke, and last spring won the regional basketball honors. They are a fast team and will give Grayling all it can handle, according to predictions of some of the fans. Another feature for tonight will be the game between the Grayling girls and an outside team of girls who haven't lost a single game for the past two years. Just where this team is coming from is still being kept a secret. Grayling girls team is fast and it looks as tho this attraction is going to be equally interesting as the boys' game. Game starts at 8:00 p. m. Admission 15 and 35c.

Take your prescriptions to the Central Drug Store.

Amos Hunter, who has been employed in Flint has arrived home to spend the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hunter.

Make your plans now to be in attendance at the annual Charity ball, that will take place at the school gymnasium on Friday evening, December 28th.

In the year 1905 Grayling had ten saloons and Frederic five. The combined license fee for those 15 saloons amounted to \$7,500 annually. Each employed from one to three bartenders, getting about \$25.00 per week salaries besides that which didn't get into the cash register. Liquor was shipped into town by the carload. Almost any day one could run across from one to a dozen drunks on the streets and many more inside the saloons. Money was plenty but the saloon keeper got most of it and the wife and kiddies got what might be left, maybe. Those were the "good old days in Grayling" (?)

Your wife would like one of those Princess cushions. Easy to get, \$5.00 in trade and 99c at Alfred Hanson's Service Station.

CHOIR GIVES FINE CHRISTMAS CANTATA

"The Light Eternal," a Christmas cantata, was sung Tuesday evening by the choir of Michelson Memorial church to a very appreciative audience.

For the past two months this well known choir has been working hard on the songs and for several weeks past they practiced every evening. It would be hard to conceive of a more beautiful interpretation of that masterpiece by Petrie.

The members of the choir are all for giving the credit for the success of the cantata to their able director, Mrs. C. G. Clippert. Not only is the latter possessed of high musical ability and a trained finished musical talent but also is a leader who is able to get the utmost out of her vocalists. Throughout all the long, tiresome hours of practice and work there has never at a single time been the slightest discord or discontent on the part of a single member of the choir. Everyone seemed glad and willing to take whatever part was assigned and then to give the best there was in him. It surely takes rare genius to accomplish such results and Mrs. Clippert does deserve the gratitude of the people of Grayling for the devotion she gives to these affairs that mean pleasure and culture for our community.

It is very modest on the part of the members of the choir in wishing to have their director receive the credit for the success of this cantata, which goes to prove that the choir is made up of a fine type of persons. The public will agree that they too deserve a large degree of credit. Those who attended the musical event Tuesday evening cannot help but be proud of the choir of this fine church. In spite of the fact that several members of the choir were fighting off the flu and were singing under difficulties, they need no alibis for the results. Mr. Webb, father of Mrs. Clippert, who is a talented tenor, got out of a sick and nervous condition by the choir that night. Emerson Brown too was just recovering from a week's illness, and others were having a touch of illness.

The program as sung is as follows:

The Light Eternal
Text by Bronner. Music by Petrie. Director and pianist, Mrs. C. G. Clippert.

No. 1 Prelude—Mrs. Clippert.
No. 2 Chorus by choir—Praise the Great Redeemer.
No. 3 Tenor solo—It Speaks To The World—Mr. Emerson Brown and chorus by choir.

No. 4 Bass solos—God Hath Given A Son—Mr. Lewis, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Hill and chorus by choir.
No. 5 Mixed quartette—While Shepherds Watched—Mrs. Cushman, Mrs. Gothro, Mr. Jarmin, Mr. Alexander, with soprano solo—Mrs. Cushman and chorus by choir.
Ladies quartette—A Multitude Of Voices—Mrs. Milnes, Mrs. Gothro, Miss Hermann, Mrs. Jarmin and chorus by choir.

Tenor solo—Awake! Awake!—Mr. Jarmin.
Chorus by choir—From Sea To Sea.

No. 6 Trio—Star of Bethlehem—Mr. Webb, Mr. Jarmin, Mr. Lewis.
No. 7 Contralto solo—The Dawning—Mrs. Jarmin.

No. 8 Tenor solo—In the City Of David—Mr. Webb.
Mixed quartette—He Came To Give Salvation—Mrs. Milnes, Mrs. Jarmin, Mr. Brown, Mr. Alexander.

No. 9 Soprano solo—Born In A Manger—Mrs. Milnes and chorus by choir.
No. 10 Tenor solo—The Light Of Christ—Mr. Jarmin and chorus by choir.

No. 11 Duet—The Message—Mrs. Milnes, Miss Hermann.
No. 12 Chorus by choir—The Light Of All The World—Tenor solo—Mr. Brown.

No. 13 Soprano solo—Angel Voices—Mrs. Milnes.
No. 14 Duet—Lead Me, Eternal Light—Mrs. Milnes, Mr. Webb.

Duet—I Will Follow—Miss Hermann, Mrs. Jarmin.
Final chorus by choir—Lead Me. We understand that the cantata will be repeated some time after the holidays.

MANY DEER KILLED

Hugh Green, chief conservation officer of the department of conservation, has announced that there were 5,255 deer shipped across the Straits of Mackinac during the deer hunting season. Mr. Green believes this number represents 50 per cent of the total deer shot. He pointed out that many animals were shot by up per peninsula residents while others were bagged by hunters in the lower peninsula.

The figure given by Mr. Green indicates that over a thousand more were shipped from Cloverland this year than in 1927. He pointed out that many animals were shot by up per peninsula residents while others were bagged by hunters in the lower peninsula.

Have you noticed how Gene Tunney has dropped out of the limelight? That's what comes of getting married.

CHARITY BALL DECEMBER 28TH

COMMITTEES BUSY MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR ANNUAL PARTY

The various chairmen that have been chosen to look after arrangements for the Charity ball, together with the members of their committees are all busy making their plans, and putting forth every effort to make this annual affair a success.

Mrs. Frank Anstett, who is president of the Mercy Hospital Aid society, who sponsors this affair, is also general chairman. Mrs. A. J. Joppig is chairman of the decorating committee and from reports the school gymnasium is going to be very attractive. Something different from former years is being planned by the decorating committee. Mrs. Marius Hanson will have charge of the lunch, while Mrs. C. G. Clippert is chairman of the music. Mrs. Schumann is in charge of the advertising and Mrs. Robert Reagan chairman of the ticket sales.

LaForge's orchestra of Bay City, who have been in Grayling on former occasions will furnish the music and come highly recommended.

Tickets are now on sale at \$1.50 per couple. There will be an extra charge for extra ladies and spectators of 50c each, and the lunch will also be extra. Join the merry crowd who are planning to attend the annual Charity ball, which always proves to be the most enjoyable of the holiday festivities.

YOUNG LOVELLS LADY MARRIES

Miss Cora C. L. Nephew daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred B. Nephew of Lovells was united in marriage to Glen E. Gregg, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Gregg of Cadillac on Saturday, December 8th.

The marriage ceremony took place at the home of the groom's parents at seven o'clock in the evening, Dr. Johnstone officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Nephew, brother and sister-in-law of the bride were best man and bridesmaid. The bride was dressed in pink tulle and trimmed in silver. Her bridal wreath was of silver leaves. The bridesmaid's dress was of rose tulle trimmed in silver.

The house was decorated with pink and white asters and ferns. After the ceremony a wedding dinner was served to the many relatives and the evening was spent in music and dancing and good time. Before the Reverend left, the bride held her little niece Lorna Deer who was christened. There was one drawback to the wedding. The ceremony was five hours late owing to the bridal party being wrecked on their way to Cadillac. The car containing the bride and groom, the bride's mother and little brother and sister and the groom's cousin ran into a telegraph pole and turned over into a deep ditch. No one was hurt except the bride's little brother. The bride received many lovely gifts. They will reside in Flint.

SISTER OF WM. J. WOODBURN, MAPLE FOREST, PASSED AWAY

Myrtle L. Woodburn, the daughter of John and Hattie Woodburn was born April 26, 1880 at Webberville, Michigan and died December 14, 1928 in Grace Hospital, Detroit, at the age of 48 years, 7 months and 18 days. She was the second eldest of five children, two of whom preceded her in death.

When Myrtle was fifteen years of age her mother died leaving her to all the place of a mother to the three younger children which she most faithfully did until the death of her father eleven years later when their home was broken up and she was employed in Grayling and Detroit, later going to Fenton where she made her home with her sister Mrs. Albert Wolverton.

She was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Fenton and spent a life of service and devotion to her savior and loved ones. She was perfectly resigned to the plans of her Savior whom she trusted knowing, "He doeth all things well."

She will be sadly missed by her sister with whom she made her home and brother Wm. J. Woodburn of Frederic, two nieces, one nephew, eight cousins and a host of friends who are left to mourn her loss. The remains were brought to Maple Forest and funeral services took place Sunday afternoon.

FREDERIC SCHOOLS PRESENT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The annual Christmas exercises of the Frederic schools will be given in the gymnasium Friday evening, Dec. 21 beginning at 7:30 Central Standard time.

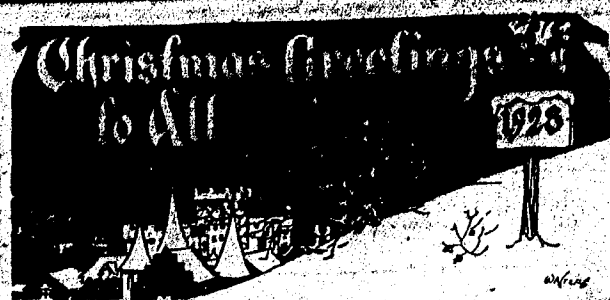
Careful preparation is being made by the different rooms and it is anticipated that the program will be the best ever given in Frederic. Instead of presenting so many single recitations our young people will appear in short plays in which much careful preparation is being given. Santa Claus will be there and anyone wishing to spend a pleasant evening will make no mistake in attending.

THE HARDIER SEX

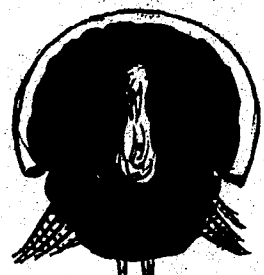
The whistling of a winter's wind has sent many a shiver down our backs. The thought of the pioneers sitting in their log cabins with the cold wind blowing through the cracks has always inspired us with a feeling of awe at their hardihood, but the dress of modern women on a cold winter's day gives us both the shivers and the feeling of awe. As we see them going up and down the street with only sheer silk stockings on their legs as a protection against the wintry blasts we wonder how they can do it.

We are now perfectly willing to concede that woman is the harder sex if when winter comes we are allowed to put on our heavies, draw on a pair of wool stockings and over all buckle a pair of galoshes so securely that there is not the slightest danger of a breath of wind blowing up our pants leg. We had rather be comfortable than try to maintain the untenable position that we are as hardy as they.

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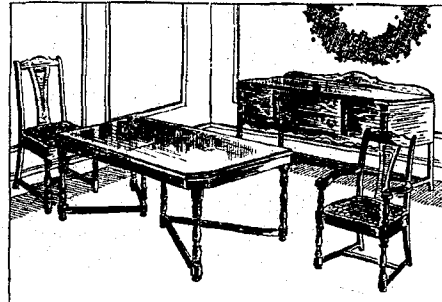
-and a Nice Big Juicy Turkey

What more can you ask on Christmas day, especially if you place your order for a TURKEY with us. It will be as good, if not better, than the best turkey you ever had. We also have a nice lot of

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Cordially yours,

Grayling Hardware Co.

Local Happenings

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1928

Emil Giegling was in Saginaw on business the last of the week.

When you think of slippers think of Daniel Green's comfy slippers.

Ernest and Frederick Hoesli spent a few days in Bay City and Saginaw last week.

Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Clippert left Tuesday night to spend a few days in Detroit.

Miss Mildred Kiley of Standish was a guest at the Alex LaGrow home over Sunday.

Two of the Arthur Parker children are ill with pneumonia, Dale the oldest boy and a daughter.

Miss Helen Schumann underwent an operation for removal of tonsils at Mercy Hospital Tuesday.

Looks like winter sports about next week. The toboggan slide will be ready if the weather continues cold.

There is nothing more appreciated than a pair of Daniel Green's comfy slippers for Xmas. Get them at Olson's.

Don't miss the basket ball games at the school gym tonight. Two big games for a small price, adults 30c; children 15c.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank X. Tetu are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a son, Frank X. III, born Monday, December 17, at Grayling Mercy Hospital.

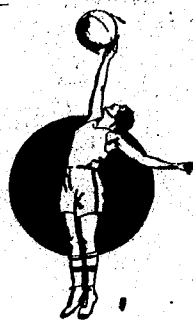
Adolph Scott, age 6 months and 29 days, little son of Mr. and Mrs. William Scott, passed away at Mercy hospital last Thursday of bronchial pneumonia, having been brought to the hospital a few days previous seriously ill. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon.

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Dolls, games and other toys at half price and less. These are leftovers from last year and are offered at bargain prices regardless of cost. Sorenson Bros.

TONIGHT

THURS. DEC. 20



BOYS

Charlevoix vs. Grayling

GIRLS

Grayling vs. [?]

First Game 8:00 P. M.
Admission 15 and 30c

Supt. and Mrs. R. M. Bogue were in Tawas City for over the week end.

Most any outdoor man would appreciate a pair of fancy heavy wool socks for Xmas from Olson's.

A prettily decorated Christmas tree greets patrons on entering the Arnold Burrows meat market and gives the place a cheerful appearance.

Mrs. Alfred Hermann has arrived from Lansing to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin A. Bales. Mr. Hermann will join her later to spend Christmas here.

Roy Holmberg returned Friday from Big Rapids where he was called early in the week owing to the serious illness of his mother, who was stricken with paralysis. She passed away while he was there.

Earl Spencer has arrived from Detroit to make his home for the winter with his sister, Mrs. Mae Dixon. She expects her father William Spencer to come from Detroit soon to make his home here indefinitely.

The local High girls will play some mysterious undefeated team tonight and no one except the coaches know who it is. If you are subjected to fits of curiosity you will want to go there to see who it is. Prices 30 and 15c.

The warm weather over the week end took practically all our snow and ice and with the present snow the roads are in better condition than before. The icy roads were responsible for many serious accidents.

Ralph Carr after having served a number of days in the local jail and also paying a fine for violation of the game laws, was taken to Bay City to appear in Federal court charged with violation of the prohibition law. His bail was fixed at \$1500.00.

We carry children's zippers in black and red at Olson's.

For \$5.00 in trade and 99c cash you can get a beautiful Princess cushion value \$5, that may be used either in the car, or as a home decoration at Alfred Hanson's Service Station. Or a hand-painted pillow top for \$5.00 in trade and \$1.98.

Many of the local organizations are having Christmas parties, one of the most enjoyable being the one held by the members of the Eastern Star last Friday night. There was a Christmas tree with a gift for each one, followed by light refreshments.

The state police stationed on M-76 near West Branch, during the hunting season report that 1500 deer were transported by automobile past their station. They also had a record of fourteen moose, twenty-two bear, six coyotes, two foxes and two wild cats.

Uncle John, whose death was hourly expected, was asked by his weeping wife if he couldn't take a little nourishment. He sniffed the air and said: "Marry, don't I smell ham cooking? I think I could enjoy a few slices." "Oh, no, John," she answered, "that you know is for the funeral."

If a man had a bull pup he would look after it carefully and not let it run all over town at night. But if he had a boy it is different. He is turned loose at an early age to go to the bad. And yet people wonder where the great army of loafers, cigarette fiends and gamblers come from. They are germinated from pure seed gathered at home, sown broadcast on the streets and alleys. The boy ought to be given a fair chance with the bull pup.

The Mio Telegram has changed hands and is now owned by the stockholders of the Ogemaw County Herald at West Branch. The name of the newspaper has been changed to The Oscoda County News.

If there is any doubt about there being oil in Northern Michigan, it hasn't shaken the faith of a lot of investors. Several organizations are operating in this region at this time. The North Michigan Land & Oil Co. of Grayling has a crew at work and also the Great Northern Oil Co. of Frederic has begun operation. Another reputed large company is beginning a series of tests near River view according to reports. The one great difficulty in this region is the tremendous overburden of sand of about 400 feet. This is far more difficult to sink a shaft into than heavy soil and rock, according to the claim of some of the drillers. With all the tests that are being made it does seem that a strike should be a certainty, and that it won't be long before the oil flows merrily.

See the new Phoenix pointed heel Bemberg hose at Olson's.

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Silk Scarfs
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Leather Helmets
Wool Hose
Handker'ef Sets
Gloves and Mitts
Scarf Sets
Sweaters
Gowns and
Pajamas
Boy's Ties
Hi-top Shoes

And hundreds of other Gifts

Our Best Wishes



WE wish you peace on Christmas Day,
God's costliest, sweetest gift,
And may it keep your heart always,
And ever you uplift.

—Christopher G. Heard



Grayling Mercantile Co.

The Quality Store

Grayling, Michigan

Phone 1251

Boy's red or green wool socks at 50c at Olson's.

Subscribe for the Avalanche as a Christmas gift for one on your Christmas list. They will enjoy it the year 'round.

Wesley LaGrow is home from Pontiac to remain until after the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex LaGrow. He has been spending a few days in Standish this week.

Get Goodrich zippers in all heels and lasts at Olson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dreher (Arlida LaGrow) of Detroit are expected Saturday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex LaGrow.

To our many Friends and Patrons

The Season's Greetings

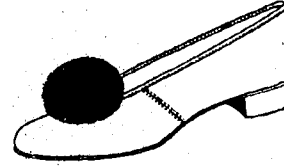
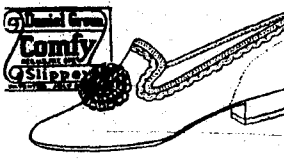
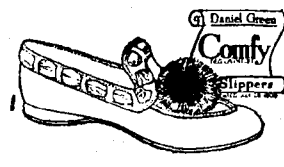
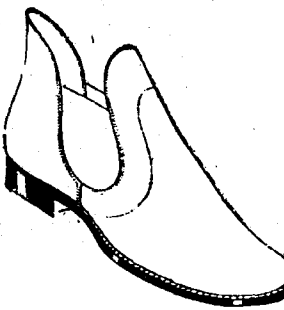
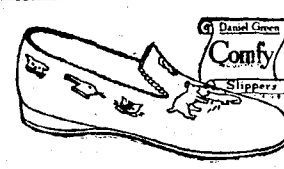
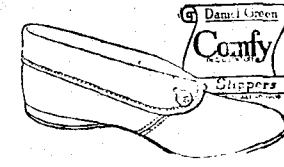
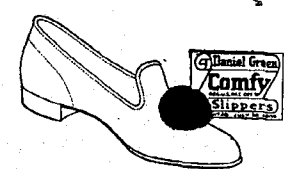
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May this friendly Christmas greeting
Throughout each line repeat
The joys we'd like to send
To make your happiness complete.



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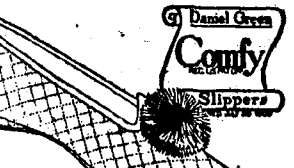
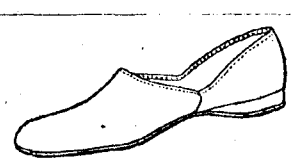
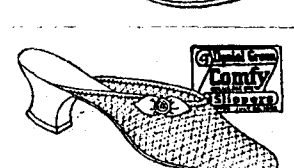
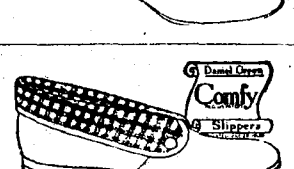
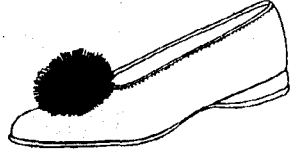
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Olson's Shoe Store

Christmas Card

By MARTHA BANNING THOMAS

It had a picket fence of white
Around a snowy garden,
And tiny flames of candle-light
Shone on the window-sills at night.
As if to ask a pardon
Of a little boy who rang the bell,
(He wore two bright red mittens.)
The candles' shining seemed to tell
That all within was very well,
And several fuzzy kittens
Came following behind the boy
(Some friends of his most likely!)
Their tails were waving plumes
Of joy
And every kitten had a toy
And carried it politely.

Think that they had come to call
And bring a Christmas present;
I saw a trumpet and a bal,
A doll, a cart, and that's not all;
It looked extremely pleasant.

Wish that little boy was me,
I've wished it every minute,
How awfully jolly it would be
To walk into that house and see
Who's really living in it!

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POPULAR THRIFT CHIEF FACTOR IN ELIMINATION OF POVERTY

(By S. W. Straus, President American Society for Thrift.)

The statement often is made that this is a materialistic age. Americans particularly are criticized at times for their so-called materialism. Much of the world's progress, however, has been due to materialism. The construction of railroads and highways and the building of our great cities have, to a considerable extent, been the result of materialistic impulses.

It may be said, moreover, that the spirit of our materialism has been softened by humanitarian impulses. This fact is borne in upon us with particular emphasis at this time of year when there is so much activity in preparation for the holiday season and when such tremendous sums are being donated by charitably inclined persons to the needy and unfortunate. It is a fine commentary on our citizenship to find, so much thought and attention given to matters of this kind.

It is not out of keeping with current thought, however, to call attention to the fact that a great amount of the poverty and distress of the world is due to sheer lack of thrift. An old philosopher once wrote that "the highest step and the summit of charity's golden ladder is to aid a man that he may earn an honest livelihood and not be forced to seek a dreadful alternative of holding out his hands for charity."

Truly it may be said that we help others most when we help them to help themselves. In the earlier developments of thrift education there grew up, particularly in England, vast numbers of charity associations. Persons who were in need were given alms to alleviate their temporary condition. The knowledge developed out of these early activities that charity of this description often encourages idleness. As time advanced, society learned that the best way to combat poverty was to encourage industry. Due to the popular development of thrift habits, poverty is gradually being eliminated, although there always will be those who, temporarily at least, will need charity.

But we should remember that when we encourage thrift upon the part of any individual we are most likely removing him forever from the possibility of ever becoming a charitable object.

SAID HE:

While we're talking about advertising we would like to mention a statement made by John Wanamaker: "The man who pays more for rent than he does for advertising makes a serious mistake." That he is right is undoubtedly reflected in the phenomenal success which Wanamaker made in his business.

It has been said that advertising is the greatest factor in business today. It is the mighty power that makes the wheels of industry go round, the lever that moves the world. Your business needs it. Every business needs it. Do you use it as you should?

Scientists say that the next deadly war will be between mosquitoes and humans. When this contest starts, watch the women put on more clothes!

L. B. Schofield



Letting B. Schofield has been appointed director of public safety at Philadelphia to succeed Harry J. Byrd, resigned. The change in the department is seen as a step towards ending the bitter feeling caused by the findings of the special grand jury of graft and corruption in the bureau of police.

Monument to Great Jurist Unveiled



Miss Sara Tyler Marshall Warren, a descendant of the former Chief Justice Marshall of the United States, unveiling the monument erected over the grave of the famous jurist near his birthplace in Midland, Va. The monument is constructed of the stone from the chimney of the original Marshall homestead.

CHRISTMAS!

By James Edward Hungerford

CHRISTMAS! The magical, musical ring of it—
No finer word in the world can be found!
Molded and made for us mortals to sing of it;
Full of the "tingle" that makes pulses pound!

CHRISTMAS! The lilt and the rhythm and THRILL of it—
Dear, loving word that was made to
charm—

HAPPINESS, friends—may you all have your FILL of it—
Feeling the throb of it deep in your HEART!

CHRISTMAS! It's coming to wipe away care again—
Blotting out memories tragic and drear;
Bringing rich BLESSINGS for mankind to share again—
Filling our hearts with the magic of CHEER!

CHRISTMAS! To some it means COURAGE to start again—
Help for the helpless, and strength for the strong;
Giving the hopeless a chance to take heart again—
God's loving gifts to humanity's throng.

CHRISTMAS! We all love the sound and the sing of it—
Sinner and saint, and the godless and good;
Heaven and world all respond to the ring of it—
Bringing mankind into one BROTHERHOOD!

CHRISTMAS! All Nations rejoice to the THRILL of it—
Paupers and peasants; the rich and renowned;
Spirit of Love—may we bow to the WILL
Then we'll have CHRISTMAS the whole year around!

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ONION, HISTORIC FOOD CROP REMAINS FAVORITE IN DIET

From the earliest times of which we have authentic records the onion has been highly esteemed as an article of food. In desert regions it was early used also as a preventive of thirst by travelers and soldiers on the march. The original home of the plant, of which there are many varieties, was probably southern Asia or the borders of the Mediterranean Sea.

Egyptians cultivated the onion at the dawn of their history, according to W. E. Beattie, of the United States Department of Agriculture, and now the Egyptians offer competition to the Texas producers of winter-grown Bermuda onions.

The onion, says Mr. Beattie, belongs to a widely variable species, Allium cepa, which forms a part of the botanical family of plants which includes many of the lilies, the several forms of asparagus and smilax, and similar plants with a scaly or fleshy enlarged root. A characteristic of this family is that most of its species grow naturally upon soil having an abundance of moisture, many of them being natives of low-lying areas along the seashore. Another characteristic of plants like the onion and asparagus is that they will withstand considerable salt in the soils on which they grow. Conditions favorable to onion culture are found in many sections of the United States and the crop is widely grown.

Good prices for onions one year are likely to stimulate heavy production the next year. This is true not only because commercial growers expand their acreage but also because good prices will lead many individuals to plant onions in small patches or home gardens that supply more than the needs of the growers and so enter the local markets in competition with the field-grown crop. Onions demand intensive culture, which makes them particularly adaptable for truck patch and back-lot cultures, in which the grower can cultivate and weed them in the time outside his usual hours of employment. The average yield of an acre of onions is about 200 bushels, but on soils that are suitable and fertile good cultivation often results in yields of from 400 to 600 bushels an acre.

BIG DEMAND FOR MUSKRAT LICENSES

The muskrat license business has hit peaks that department of conservation officials had reason to believe would never be attained. Preparations were made to handle 25,000 licenses and the necessary forms were secured to take care of that number. It was felt at the time that plenty of room was being left for any unlooked for numbers. It developed, however, that nearly 30,000 sought the licenses and additional provisions were ordered to take care of the rush.



Father Sage Says:

If a woman only knew her husband as well before marriage as she does after the chances are that she would marry some other fellow.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

In the matter of the estate of Joseph Sullivan late of the Township of Grayling, in said County, deceased. Notice is hereby given that four months from the tenth day of December A. D. 1922, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased to said court for examination and adjustment, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court, at the probate office, in the Village of Grayling in said county, on or before the 15th day of April A. D. 1923, and that said claims will be heard by said court on Monday the 15th day of April A. D. 1923, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated this tenth day of December A. D. 1922.

GEORGE SORENSON,
Judge of Probate.

TO THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF ANY AND ALL INTERESTS IN OR LIENS UPON THE LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED:

Take notice that sale has been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned has title thereto under tax deed or deeds issued therefor, and that you are entitled to a reconveyance thereof at any time within six months after return of service of this notice upon payment to the undersigned or to the register in chancery of the county in which the land lie, of all sums paid upon such purchase, together with one hundred per centum additional thereto, and the fees of the sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice, to be computed as upon personal service of a declaration as commencement of suit, and the further sum of five dollars for each description, without other additional cost or charges. If payment as aforesaid is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the land.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of sec. 14, town 28N, range 1W. Amount paid \$43.54 tax for years 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923. Amount necessary to redeem \$92.08 plus the fees of the Sheriff.

Elmer E. Brooks and Margaret E. Brooks, place of business Ann Arbor, Michigan.

To Edward Smith, last grantee in the regular chain title of such lands or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County.

Orlando F. Barnes, grantee under the tax deed issued by the Auditor General for the latest year's taxes appearing of record in said registry of deeds; and T. E. Douglas & Company assignees of record.

TO THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF ANY AND ALL INTERESTS IN OR LIENS UPON THE LANDS HEREIN DESCRIBED:

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate Office in the Village of Grayling in said County, on the 27th day of November A. D. 1922.

Present: Hon. George Sorenson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of James Armstrong, deceased.

Fern Armstrong having filed in said court, her petition praying that the administration and settlement of said estate be granted to said Fern Armstrong or to some other suitable person.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

The southwest quarter of sec. 34, town 26N, range 3W. Amount paid \$29.78 tax for year 1924.

Amount necessary to redeem \$44.44 plus the fees of the Sheriff.

Jay Spaulding, place of business Detroit, Michigan.

To Mary A. Westlake, last grantee in the regular chain title of such lands or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County.

Arthur Ostrander and E. D. Seeley, grantees under the tax deed issued by the Auditor General for the latest year's taxes appearing of record in said registry of deeds.

John Staley, mortgagee named in all undischarged recorded mortgages.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

Description of Land
West half of northwest quarter, sec. 10, town 28N, range 1W. Amount paid \$41.46 tax for years 1921, 1922, 1923.

Amount necessary to redeem \$87.92 plus the fees of the Sheriff.

Elmer E. Brooks and Margaret E. Brooks, place of business Ann Arbor, Michigan.

To Albert A. Giffin; Milton May; Charles H. Davis, last grantees in the regular chain title of such lands or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County.

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A woman in Poland was married to six men at one time before the police arrested her on a charge of polygamy. In the parlance of the movies she must have had "it."

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

County of Crawford.
Lots 7 and 8, Block 7, Second Addition to Portage Lake Park. Amount paid \$8.05 taxes for 1922 \$1.82.

Signed: C. M. White and Clara N. White.

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NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

Varied Efforts to Prevent War Between Bolivia and Paraguay.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

WAR between Bolivia and Paraguay seemed probable last week only near the close of the period, when it was reported that the Bolivian government might consent to arbitrate the quarrel. Both nations claim the Gran Chaco region and the present trouble was precipitated by a clash between their border troops. The Bolivians considered, and still consider, that their national honor was grossly insulted and they have been eagerly clamoring for hostilities. The government resigned so that a new one, composed of the leaders of all parties, could be formed; the general staff called to the colors the class of 1929; defense committees were formed, and men, women and children in the cities paraded with flags and shouts for war. President Siles told his people that he did not wish war and would do all he could to avoid it, but that if Bolivians were forced to go to war to defend their national honor, he would go with them.

Paraguay, which would not be able long to carry on warfare, was taking what steps she could to face the situation. A non-partisan board of national defense was formed and President Guggiarri called on all the political chiefs for collaboration.

Meanwhile various agencies were trying earnestly to avert the threatened hostilities. The council of the League of Nations, to which Paraguay had appealed, urged that the quarrel be settled peacefully; and in Washington the international conference of American states on conciliation and arbitration, which began its sessions Monday, immediately took up the matter, pleading with the two belligerent republics to arrange their differences "specifically and in a spirit of justice, concord, and of fraternity." Argentina and Chile both offered their services in arbitrating the dispute. At first the Bolivian delegation in the Pan-American conference, headed by Diego Medina, minister to Washington, announced it had been instructed to take no part in the sessions until the trouble with Paraguay had been settled; but on Wednesday, after Secretary of State Kellogg had communicated with the government at La Paz, the Bolivians were told to resume their seats. This was taken as an indication that general warfare between the two republics would be averted. Mr. Kellogg, as chairman of the conference, named a conciliation committee of five, the United States being represented by Charles Evans Hughes, and the gathering of data on the conflict began at once.

TRAVELING 6,450 miles from the African jungle to London in nine days and twelve hours, the prince of Wales reached the bedside of his sick father Tuesday night and from the moment of their meeting the condition of King George seemed to grow better. The danger of the monarch's death did not pass entirely, however, and the British people and all the world continued to watch the bulletins with anxiety. The king's physicians, immediately after the arrival of the prince of Wales, prepared to take the more radical measures they believed necessary to save the king's life, and on Wednesday they performed two operations to remove the purulent fluid at the base of the right lung. The bulletins of the doctors said the operations were successful and that the condition of the king was satisfactory. The fact that the king was strong enough to undergo the operations gave increased hope of his ultimate recovery.

HERBERT HOOVER'S Latin American tour may yet be enlivened by some exciting incidents, though the authorities of the countries he visits are so alert that this seems improbable. Last week, just before the President-Elect started on the railway journey across the Andes, the police of Buenos Aires, Argentina, uncovered a plot of anarchists to blow up Mr. Hoover's train in the outskirts of the city. Raiding a house, the police seized dynamite bombs, hand grenades, pistols and ammunition and arrested two young men. In the house was found a detailed map of the railway system. One of the prisoners was said to have made a full confession of the plot to destroy the Hoover special train.

Mr. Hoover's two days' visit in Chile was pleasant and colorful. Though he had entailed a request for simplicity, his reception in Santiago was most elaborate. President Carlos Ibanez, the dictator of the republic, met him dressed in a general's uniform and the parade through the streets was a grand military display. The chief guests rode in carriages drawn by four horses, with gorgeous outriders and footmen. At a banquet given by the government Mr. Hoover announced his policy for the encouragement of government and private loans in Latin America for reproductive works only, such as public works and transportation. When the receptions and sight-seeing were over the Hoover party started across the Andes to Argentina on a special train, making brief stops at many little towns. Buenos Aires was reached late Thursday afternoon and President Irigoyen was on hand to receive the guests. The usual round of ceremonial affairs followed. Sunday morning Mr. Hoover and his party went on an Argentine warship to Montevideo, Uruguay, where the U. S. S. Utah met them to convey them to Rio de Janeiro.

LIEUT. COL. U. S. GRANT, THIRD, U. S. A., has been given charge of all the arrangements for the inauguration of Hoover on March 4, and Maj. Gen. Charles P. Summerall, chief of staff, has accepted the post of grand marshal for the occasion and will command the parade. This appointment follows precedent. The Pres-

ident-elect has asked that the ceremony be as simple as possible.

Next week's inauguration ceremony will be in a city of 100,000 people. Chamberlain, aviation, and naval Stremmen in Lugano, resulted in an agreement of the allies and Germany that the committee of experts should assemble in Paris at the end of December and finally fix the total amount of reparations Germany must pay and the method of payment. France, however, stipulates that the decisions of the experts "are not necessarily binding on the governments," so it is not certain that the great problem will be definitely solved. It is specified that the American experts "have no mandate and shall be merely American citizens chosen for their competence by the reparations commission." Germany carried its contention that the reparations policy be absolutely independent of considerations either of the Rhineland evacuation or of the war debts of the allies.

RUMANIA held its first free parliamentary election Wednesday and it passed off quietly throughout the kingdom. As had been predicted, the Peasant party headed by Premier Iuliu Maniu scored an overwhelming victory. On incomplete returns the minister of the interior estimated that the Peasants had got a full 85 per cent of all the ballots cast. Some 8 or 10 per cent went to the Liberals headed by Bratianu and the remainder to the Hungarian minority. It appears that the two extremist groups, the 22d-Semites and the Communists, will not have a single seat out of 370 seats. Maniu himself, though an Alibanian, chose to stand for election in Bucharest and received 65 per cent of the vote there.

IN THE fiftieth anniversary edition of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch appeared an article written by President Coolidge telling of the demands on the time of the President and suggesting that the government provide a country White House, a modest place in the hills, near Washington to which the Chief Executive might go for brief periods of rest. The idea was seized upon by Representative C. A. Woodrum, Democrat, of Virginia, and he introduced a resolution for the establishment of a temporary White House in Virginia. The measure he offered directs the public buildings commission—a joint commission of the house and senate—to select a tentative site and report as soon as practicable the approximate cost of erecting a suitable mansion.

BOULDER dam was the subject of a protracted debate in the senate and a lot of log rolling, and finally California and Arizona reached a compromise on the diversion of water from the Colorado river. The bill was amended so that California's allotment shall be 4,400,000 acre feet annually out of 7,500,000 acre feet assigned to California, Arizona and Nevada. Senators Ashurst and Hayden of Arizona abandoned their filibuster and it appeared likely that the measure, with further amendments, would be adopted by the senate.

To avert a threatened filibuster in the house the leaders of that body promised that a congressional reapportionment bill would be brought to the floor soon after the holiday recess. The census committee, under pressure, reported favorably a pending measure which proposes a redistribution of seats in the house on the basis of the 1930 census.

HOOVER'S proposed farm relief plan now has the support of the American Farm Bureau federation. Frank O. Lowden, in a letter read at the federation's closing session in Chicago, urged the farmers to support the legislative proposal of the President-Elect, and a resolution to that effect was adopted. The federation announced that at the beginning of the new year a nation-wide co-operative marketing service would be instituted by it. Through this department live stock, grain, and other markets will be analyzed to serve the commercial interests of 30,000,000 farmers. Frank Evans, the federation's general counsel and head of its marketing department, explained that two years had been spent in preparing for the operation of the service department.

DELEGATES from forty nations, some of them distinguished aviators, held a three-day International Civil Aeronautics conference in Washington, invited thereto by President Coolidge. The time was chosen as the twenty-fifth anniversary of the first heavier than air flight of the Wright brothers, and Orville Wright was present as a member of the American delegation and also as the guest of honor of the conference. Mr. Coolidge in his speech of welcome spoke of the present and future of the aeronautic science and industry, and Assistant Secretary of Commerce MacCracken, who presided, reviewed the history of aviation and told of its progress in America.

C. R. D. M., otherwise the Mexican Federation of Labor, which has been a power in the government of our neighbor republic for years and stirred up much of the trouble with the United States, is crumbling in ruin. As a political party it has been blacklisted by the Obregonistas and its own ranks are split wide open. State governors that support it are to be boycotted. Many of the unions, led by the union of newspaper editors and reporters of the federal district, have seceded from the federation.

MICHIGAN has another of those life imprisonment cases that stir up the foes of prohibition—and a great many other people. This time it is a woman, the mother of ten children, who was found guilty in Lansing of a fourth violation of the liquor law. It is possible the woman, Mrs. Etta Mae Miller, may escape the life sentence through appeal to the Supreme court.

INFLUENZA became epidemic over a large part of the country and federal and local health organizations worked hard to combat it. A number of colleges and schools were closed until after the holidays. The epidemic followed precedent. The Pres-



eastward. Fortunately the cases are milder than in 1918, the proportion of deaths being much smaller.

JAMES A. PATTEN, Chicago financier and philanthropist, formerly known as the "wheat king," died in his suburban home at the age of seventy-six. He had acquired great riches but had expended vast sums for the benefit of mankind, so he was sincerely mourned.

THE THING IN HAND
By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK
Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

The things which I have to do today, for it is early morning as I am writing these sentences, are very commonplace things, and for the most part very uninteresting ones. I must, as soon as breakfast is over, see a half dozen people on a rather disagreeable subject, and then must drive fifty miles to make a speech. It is raining, and

I know that the drive will be rather a dull one, and even when conditions are favorable I have never had any enthusiasm for speech making. I never feel slightest if at any gathering I am not called upon to speak. The year is almost ended, and the tasks which have come to me during the past nine months have not been easy tasks. I am looking forward with more than ordinary eagerness to a vacation away from the routine which regularly occupies my waking hours.

I am balanced enough, however, and I have had enough experience to realize that it is the task to hand which for me is the really important thing in life, as it is for you. I must meet very disagreeable people and settle their difficulties as well as I am in my power. I must make my speech with as much force and magnetism and directness of application as I can if the rain comes down on the way. Still I am dry and comfortable within and the fields between which I pass as I drive along are greener and fresher because of the rain. It is a season which we might all well learn that the task to hand, simple and uninteresting as it may often seem, is for each of us the most important thing to be done well, and helps in ways in the satisfactory accomplishment of whatever comes later. I shall enjoy my vacation better and with a lighter heart from having done well what is before me today.

It is examination time, and Barton who is a most practical man, is eager to have the examination task completed. He does not see why seniors are ever made to take examinations anyway. He wants to leave as soon as his last examination is over. He dislikes staying for the formal commencement exercises. He has a job waiting for him as soon as he can get to it, and he is itching to be away and to get at it. The task to hand irritates, and annoys him. It is the job he is going to which looks big and important to him, and which seems one to which he can give his best energies.

I have known Barton for forty years or more. He has never got on well, he has never been satisfied with what he was engaged in. He has changed jobs a dozen times during those years. The job he has never been to is like him, has never seemed to him quite the work to which he might give his best efforts. He has always been the thing in the distance which he figured him and out of which he felt he could make something. He has never learned the importance of the thing in hand.

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Here's Another Angle

I do not greatly envy people who have only to ask for money and it is given them. It seems to me that an existence in which an intelligent supply of money is not a feature must be somewhat boring. I. H. T. madge, in the Portland Oregonian.

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Greeting for an Old Friend

By Myrtle Koon Chapman

IN DEVONSHIRE, of old they say,
Upon the eve of Christmas day,
They'd take the cider, and would pour
Upon the apple trees a store
Of fruit for next year to invoke
This quaint rite of the rural folk
Is still observed on Christmas eve
By some in Devon, I believe.

And now I take the juices brewed
Of old-time play, and habitude
Of sharing bright or stormy weather,
Of joy and sorrow known together,
Fondly I pour them on the roots
Of our good friendship, may the fruits
Of fellowship and kindly cheer
Be many in the coming year.

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Wonder if the British naval office would be satisfied if we abolish our navy and paid the British navy so much a year to "protect" us?

Elect Lineman as Pilot



The University of Chicago football team will be captained by a lineman for the third successive season in 1929. John Merrick Kelly, an end, who is Pat to his teammates, was elected to lead the Maroons next year.

Pacific Will Be King of U. S. Dogs



All Are Happy



Miss Austin of Detroit is the guest of Miss Margaret Wells over the holidays.
Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Gorman returned from East Jordan Tuesday where they had been in attendance at the funeral of the former's mother, Mrs. Rose Gorman, who passed away Friday. Mrs. Gorman was the mother of thirteen children, eleven of whom survive. She had been ill for a long time.

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That people are well sold on the advantages of buying from persistent advertisers?
That quality and advertising pull together in an intelligent way?
That steady advertising leads to steady business? It keeps old customers.
That persistent advertising brings new customers and causes them to come back for more?
That business concerns who have the best quality and service advertise and sell them?
That advertising inspires confidence because it offers protection to buyers and profits to sellers?
That advertising is a tremendous factor in the building of business? Without it no business can succeed.
That the right kind of advertising of the right kind of business or service will always bring better business?
That advertised lines are in demand; unknown lines are not. Profits are made on sales—not on "shelf warmers."

When a merchant makes a dollar on well advertised merchandise and loses a dollar on unknown merchandise, it should not take him long to find out which is the more profitable to handle.

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS

Boston is boasting of one citizen who says he has never heard of Smith or Hoover. Wouldn't he make an ideal juror?

The old fashioned man who used to split kindling and carry in the wood for mother now has a son who gets all his exercise in a gym suit.

Lady Astor denies that women want to be superior to men. Perhaps she thinks they just can't help it.

One thing which bothers us is where would you put the tail light on a dirigible airship?

It is claimed that cannibals in the Dutch East Indies eat the tax collectors that are sent around. They must have pretty good teeth.

The bootleggers now advise doing our Christmas shopping early so that it will have some age on it by the time the holidays roll around.

One of our friends is taking a belated tour through New England. He says he hopes to get to Bath by Saturday night.

The progress of the towns on the main highway is evidenced by the number and condition of their filling stations.

Somebody has bombed an Ohio newspaper man's home. He must have made a mistake in describing the bride's costume.—Dallas News.

There were no disturbances in the Nicaraguan election because the prospective disturbers were afraid somebody would tell it to the marines.

One problem for the modern man is to live luxuriously enough to make the neighbors jealous and humble enough not to rouse the suspicions of the income tax department.

When every family owns a radio doubtless the high power salesmen will begin advocating a radio for every room.

By cracking wide open the Solid South has got itself into the position where the politicians will have to give it some attention in the next campaign.

We have never yet run across a man with an imagination keen enough to visualize how happy Europe would be to cancel our debts if we owed her anything.

Mr. Hoover won't be at home on Christmas eve. But then Santa Claus has already been pretty good to him.

Jersey Ensemble



The honey weaved jersey ensemble is a very chic outfit for early spring. This costume is composed of tan and brown blouse with a brown plaid skirt and jaunty top coat of the same color. Suede gloves, lizard shoes and bag complete the outfit.

MRS. HARDER SENDS MESSAGE

Hillsboro, Kansas, Dec. 17, 1928.
To Mr. Schumann and the officers of Crawford County, and to others to whom it may concern:
As Christmas time draws so near we feel our hearts filled with thanks to God the giver of all good things. Have felt it every day all the year round but more so at this time. And do feel to express it in words thru the "Grayling" paper, altho I do not have words to do it. First of all I do thank you Mr. Schumann, for the sending of the Crawford Avalanche. And as I read in it about the sum of \$77.00 paid for the funeral of my husband, Mr. Henry Harder, my heart was greatly moved, and Oh what a scene it brought back to me. Words cannot express. And altho tears do flow often, I do lean on the everlasting arms of Jesus who at the time I got that awful message said to me: "Fear not, I will not leave nor forsake you." Trusting in him, I thank you once more and wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. God bless you.
Mrs. Maria H. Harder.

A TENUOUS ARGUMENT

About the thinnest argument submitted by the foes of prohibition for a reconsideration of the liquor question is that based on the terrible physical efforts of "moonshine" and other offerings of the plebeian bootlegger. It is a cobwebby argument because it is based on the accusation that liquor is a necessity. Since we must drink intoxicating liquors, the argument would run, restore the good liquors of pre-Volstead days and keep men away from present-day poisons. All such arguments are based on erratic ideas as to "liberty." They assume that a man should have full liberty in the matter of his pleasures, no matter how unsocial, dangerous and destructive the exercise of such liberty might be. By the same logic the covetous man and the libertine have equally sound reasons for complaining.

Harvard professor has rightfully said, "few men are capable of prizing liberty for its own sake. The average man's conception of liberty is limited strictly to the things he wants to do."
The fact that the things a man may want to do for his own pleasure run counter to the best interests of the social group does not face the advocate of "personal liberty." He was not convinced that this country took a referendum on the prohibition question on the sixth of November, nor will he be convinced that the restrictions safeguarding society from the thief, the gambler and the pander should apply to the vendor of intoxicating drinks as well.—Paul L. Corbin.

WINTER DRIVING

The Michigan Department of Safety is about to launch another campaign for safe driving in the state. Motorists will be asked to see that the mechanical equipment of their car is in perfect driving condition, they will be cautioned about the rules of the road, they will be warned that reckless driving brings a huge toll of lost lives, suffering and distress. During the winter months driving is made more hazardous by the slippery condition of the roads. Speed that is ordinarily safe during the summer months becomes dangerous in winter. Everybody using the highways. During the winter months railroad crossings, intersections, all curves and hills should be approached with caution. It is not always easy to bring your car to a stop in time to avoid an accident under these conditions—but accidents of this nature can be cut to a minimum if one regulates the speed of their machine to conform to road conditions during this dangerous time of the year.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the Village of Grayling in said County, on the 19th day of December A. D. 1928.

Present: Hon. George Sorenson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Joseph Sullivan, late of the Township of Frederic, said County, deceased. Thomas Cassidy the duly appointed administrator having filed in said court his petition praying for license to sell at private sale the interest of said estate in certain real estate therein described.

It is ordered, that the 14th day of January A. D. 1929, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition, and that Thomas Cassidy the duly appointed and qualified administrator of said estate, and all persons interested in said estate, appear before said court at said time and place, to show cause why a license to sell at private sale the interest of said estate in said real estate should not be granted.

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

GEORGE SORENSON, Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
George Sorenson, Judge of Probate.

12-20-4

Want Ads

FOR SALE—One wood heater, and one hard coal heater. Both in first class condition. Phone 113-R; Roy Holmberg.

STRAYED—To my place, 11 Shropshire ram. Ed. Foldhamer, Star Route No. 1, Grayling, Mich.

FOR SALE—Several houses and lots, two vacant lots and a place well fitted for a business place, located on U. S. 27. Also blacksmith shop on U. S. 27. Inquire of O. P. Schumann, administrator, Palmer Estate.

BARGAIN OFFER FOR 200 ACRES—Close to Grayling. Look this over if interested. O. P. Schumann, realtor, Avalanche Bldg. Phone 111.

All You Need is a

Grayling Cook Book

Where you can find all the wonderful recipes for your Christmas dinner, by the ladies of Grayling. Or give one for a

Christmas Gift

Your friends will appreciate them. There are a limited number left at

\$1.00 each

St. Mary's Altar Society

SCHOOL NOTES

(Continued from first page)

counted for all of the West Branch score. Both teams have the ability to play better basketball than they showed Friday night.

The various classes have been drawing up their creeds for the Student Council.

Assembly was carried on by the Girls Glee Club last Wednesday. This was the first time the student body has had the privilege of their presence before them this year, and I am sure they all look forward to it again soon. The second and third grades rendered a song to the program, and the fourth and fifth grades also took part. These young singers showed excellent training and were enjoyed by everyone. Mr. Hill led the group singing as usual.

Last Friday morning the students were agreeably surprised to see an old acquaintance back to see them again, Mr. Tedrow of the Curtis Publishing Company of Philadelphia. Mr. Tedrow has come for a number of years now, for the purpose of securing subscriptions for the magazines he represents. "The Saturday Evening Post," "The Ladies Home Journal" and "The Country Gentleman." The students were divided into sides, one red, under the leadership of Clara Bugby and Charles Wylie, the greens being led by Elizabeth Matson and William Garner. These leaders in turn being under the leadership of Eleanor Gorman who, as Mr. Tedrow says is "the champion lion tamer of the whole circus." Many valuable premiums are given for sales of these magazines, and everyone seems to be busy trying to earn one.

Perhaps some of the pupils outside of the History students wonder why all the "Oh's and Ah's" certain days. They are usually heard just when classes are passing. Well, when we go to history class and see a large map covering the blackboard, we know that we have an exam. Miss Estee fooled us at first but now we are getting wise. When school first started, we thought nothing of it, the joke was on us then. Now we are all prepared, have our pencils and paper out, books put away, and are anxiously waiting until the map is taken away, wondering "Do I know the first question? Well, I'll make a stab at it anyway." She will have to try a different plan now.

Mr. Cushman postponed basketball practice Wednesday, Dec. 12, due to the fact that he had to get a hair cut. He thought the barber would have 3 or 4 hours work and then it would be too late. Upon entering the barber shop he asked the barber if he wasn't the one who cut his hair last time.

The barber eyed him up and down and replied: "No, I have only worked here 2 years." Some hair!

At the assembly of Dec. 12, Mr. Cushman asked all those who could to go out to the lake and work on the slides to try and get them ready. Mr. Cushman also said that it would be a good thing if they would let only those who helped use the slides free of charge.

Class meetings were held Wednesday, Dec. 12, to get a citizenship creed for Grayling High School. The creed will be under such headings as: conduct, sportsmanship, scholarship, cooperation, spirit, etc.

The Geometry class is taking up architecture. Every one has made a plan of either the first or second floor of the school. Some very good ones have been handed in. Helen Lietz was the only one who received A. The students will rearrange the rooms to their liking.

The Juniors had a candy sale at the West Branch-Grayling basket ball game last Friday night. Quite a sum was made to add to their treasury of this year.

The High School Girls Glee club appeared in the evening services of the Methodist church last Sunday night for the third time. This time their program was made up of Christmas songs.

The Seniors held a class meeting last Wednesday afternoon for the final drawing up of the creed for the Student Council. The class was divided into four parts, each working on a different subject. After these had been drawn up they were handed to a committee for final inspection and then it was turned over to the Council.

Most of the students are working like "nailers" in an effort to catch up in all of their back work before Christmas vacation. Naturally everyone wants to be able to leave his books in his desk and face vacation with only a good time in view and a clear conscience.

Everything is taking on an air of importance with the usual bustle preceding Christmas vacation.

The English Literature classes have completed their study of "Paradise Lost" by John Milton and found it exceedingly interesting.

We are now reviewing and under Mrs. Bogue's thorough instruction we take pains to know it as well as our ABC's. If we don't it will not be our fault.

Ida Canfield—Do you know I got 100 today?
Corrine Sheldon—Good for you.

Well, I got 40 in American History and 60 in Greek.

Miss Estee—Steve, who was Aston Burt? Give me a good discussion, please.

Steve S.—Why he was a man.

Dorothy Hoell enjoyed the week end at the home of her aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. Dave Knoff. While there Dorothy spent most of the time rabbit hunting.

Arthur Williams is out again because of illness.

Everyone is eagerly looking forward to Christmas vacation, which is just one week away.

Friday morning we had assembly to get ready for a magazine sale which will provide the basket ball teams with new sweatshirts.

The Girl Scouts are having a party tonight. We all hope they will have a good time.

Charles Taylor is absent from school on account of the measles.

An epidemic of influenza is going around and we must guard ourselves very carefully in order to check this before it gets as bad as it was in 1918.

The American History classes are studying about The Monroe Doctrine and The Missouri Compromise, this week.

Next Friday afternoon the high school is planning a program and Christmas tree. The school will be out for two whole weeks. We're not sorry.

School will commence again on Monday, January 7th.



Michelson Memorial Church

John Wilfred Greenwood, Minister

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY PROGRAMS

10:30 a. m. "Mine eyes have seen thy salvation."
7:30 p. m. "What Christmas means to me."

There's a Star In The Sky
The ancients used to say that the highest of all learning is the knowledge of the stars. That to trace their courses is to untangle the threads of life from the beginning to the end.

Years ago, wise men set out to follow a guiding star. It moved across their skies until it hovered over the spot where the Christ child lay. So it has been called the Star of Bethlehem.

It would have surely been error on their part had they been satisfied to render devotion to the unreal star. That would never have brought them to the incarnation of Divine Love.

In our day, there are so many stars in our sky. The star of fraternalism as evidenced by our lodges is a star of unusual luster. Many find their gaze fixed upon that star. The star of a Christian home shines with unusual brightness in the lives of many. And even the Christian Church itself is not the final answer to our eternal quest.

These stars in our skies only have meaning and purpose insofar as they become guides to lead us onto the Christ Child. If we are satisfied to merely admire the star, then we are indulging in a vain worship.

May this Christmas time find you following the Star until you come where the Heart of the Universe beats in tender devotion for you, in the breast of the babe called Jesus.

CRIME CODE ASSAILED

Michigan's crime code, hailed as the most forward piece of legislation in recent years, is being assailed in every portion of the state, especially that section of the code in which life imprisonment is demanded for persons four times convicted of a felony. The 1927 legislature, which passed the law, failed to designate what crimes should be classified as felonies and what should be prosecuted as misdemeanors. The failure of the legislature to do this has brought about many divergent opinions.

Since the code became a part of our criminal laws, several persons have been given life sentences following four convictions against the prohibition laws. Many people feel these sentences were too severe. In some counties prosecutors have refused to prosecute those charged with a fourth offense, realizing the severity of the sentence to follow conviction.

Regardless of our opinions the crime code should not be weakened. If injustice has been done a single individual, Governor Green has indicated that recourse to executive clemency can be sought as a remedy. He has already asked that investigations be made of each individual case.

The crime code was society's answer to the crime wave that swept over this country since the close of the World War. To weaken it now would give encouragement to those preying upon society at a time when we have the evidences on the run. If prohibition violations should be defined as misdemeanors the next session of the legislature can so amend the statutes. If there are other discrepancies in the present law they can be adjusted. We should strengthen, not weaken, our position in this war against the criminal classes. We can't do it by assailing the law.

These folks who believe in evolution must get a lot of joy out of going to the zoo and feeding peanuts to their ancestors.

The way to avoid that extra session of Congress, of course, is by enacting such legislation as is needed this winter.—Indianapolis News.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS TO THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS FUND

The Grayling Board of Trade wishes to take this opportunity to thank the people who so liberally subscribed to the Community Christmas Fund and to the ladies of the Woman's and Goodwill clubs who so ably assisted.

The following is a list of subscribers to the fund which amounted to the sum of \$339.50.

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A. Trudeau, 25 lbs. peanuts.
Hans Petersen, 50 lbs. peanuts.
R. D. Conhine, 50 lbs. peanuts.
Nick Schlotz, 1 crate oranges.
O. Sorenson & Sons, 1 box pop corn balls.
Mrs. Thos. Cassidy, 5 bu. potatoes.
Julius Nelson, 5 bu. potatoes.

LOVELLS NEWS

Mrs. Clarence Stillwagon of Lewiston has moved to Lovells for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nephew gave a party for their daughter Cora who was a bride of last week.

Mrs. Edgar Caid who was teaching school in Lewiston has resigned and is back in Lovells for the winter.

Mrs. Henry Kenney is visiting her daughter Mrs. George Stuart.

Everybody is busy cutting Christmas trees.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Duby and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Nephew and baby Lorna Deer spent a few days in Saginaw.

George Young and family have moved to Grayling.

Mr. Frank Eaman of Detroit was in Lovells for a few days.

Only One Guess Needed

Our guess is that there would be something wrong with Utopia.—Tledo Blade.

The Gift Shop

Closing for repairs right after Christmas

We want to reduce our stock to its lowest point, so to have less to pack away out of workmen's road.

Prices Reduced Throughout the Store.

Coats 1-3 off
Broadcloths, Venise and Tweeds

1-4 off on
Slip-over Sweaters

1-4 off on all
Flat Silver Knives, Forks, Spoons, and separate pieces

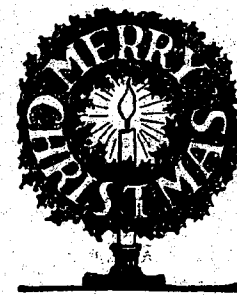
Dresses 1-4 off
Silk, Wool and Jersey

1-4 off on
Children's Coats and Buntings

18 sheets white tissue wrapping paper—5c

12 Christmas Cards with envelopes—35c

All 25c cards at—15c



Our stock of Children's Toys all to go at cost, and lots for 1-3 their value. See our stock before buying.

Cooley's Gift Shop

THE LOCAL MERCHANT

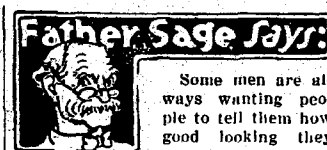
Everyone is not succeeding in business these days. Success depends upon keeping up with or ahead of the times instead of behind.

The local merchant must realize that there have been changes. The mail order house was the first important change in merchandising. Now comes the chain stores. That these elements are sound financially is shown by their progress over the course of years.

The local merchant deals, not merely with competition that may be new, but he deals with a public with a different buying power than heretofore. He deals with a public whose desires have been formed by an unlimited opportunity to choose, select and buy.

To stay in business the local merchant must realize the strong points, as well as the weaknesses of his competition. He must strike at the weak points and adapt for himself the elements of strength. He must do what others do and then some.

The local merchant is doing good business today. He would not if he had remained in the rut of 10 and 15 years ago. The next decade will call for still larger progress, still larger progress, still more ability in supplying the local demands of local people.—Grand Rapids (Minn.) Herald-Review.



Some men are always wanting people to tell them how good looking they are, but a woman will stand before a mirror and see for herself.

Had it ever occurred to you that one way to solve the prohibition enforcement law would be for everyone who complains about it, to quit drinking bootleg liquor?

PAY YOUR DOG TAX BEFORE JAN. 1ST

If you intend to permit your dog to run at large, get your license tag before January 1st. Pay at my service station between 8 a. m. and 8 p. m. any day. ALFRED HANSON, Township Treasurer.

THE Little Christmas Mother

By B. B., in Baltimore Sun.

SHE has a little apron on,
She has a little smile;
She has been up since break of dawn,
She's gone full many a mile—
Full many a mile about her task
Of baking, kneading—Oh!
The little Christmas mother wears
A most enchanted glow.

She sends the children out to play,
She sends them soon to bed;
And then her busy fingers sway
With needle and with thread
Clothes for dolls and everything,
And so much yet to do—
Christmas comes before you know,
And mother must get through!

But all the while upon her face
That soft and gentle glow,
And in her eyes a light of grace
That glows the Christmas dream.
Oh, hily is her heart with song,
And in her soul there lies
The motherhood of all the world
Descended from the skies.



Olson's Shoe Store



DO
Christmas
Baking
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Easy Way

The easy way to do your Christmas baking is to have us do it for you. Our complete facilities are at your command if you wish some special baking done. In addition to that we will have ample display of ready baked Christmas baking.

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Telling It to Santa



CREATING A MARKET

GOOD markets close at hand mean high prices for farm property and products of the farm. This market is in reality a service station supplying the needs of all the people of this community, making available to all needed merchandise, and the services of lawyer, doctor, minister and many others.

This market is the logical assembling place of the farmers' products for world consumption. Being close at hand, it saves the long haul, enables the farmer to quickly market his products at favorable prices.

The people of this community should take an active part in its affairs, support the local schools, the churches, the community associations and the local business men who are here to serve you. They have invested their capital in this community and in large measure pay the taxes which support our schools, and all the worthwhile enterprises of this community.

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